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London and Dublin denials fail to halt speculation

Initiative on Ulster played down

By Ian Aitken and Colin Brown

The Government was doing its utmost yesterday to play down renewed speculation that an Anglo-Irish formula to the Northern Ireland problem is very close.

But the denials, which concentrated largely on the timing convinced politicians on both sides of the Irish Sea that even if such a deal is not imminent, something very like it is being sought between Whitehall and Dublin.

The speculation arose against a background of a weekend visit to Dublin by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Northern Ireland Secretary, together with some unusually frank utterances by Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Taoiseach, in a speech in London on Friday.

The two British ministers are understood to have had talks with Dr FitzGerald's deputy Mr Dick Spring and Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Minister for External Affairs. They are believed to have discussed possible groundwork for talks between Mrs Thatcher and Dr

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FitzGerald at a formal summit in the summer.

But it was the Irish Prime Minister who gave the strongest push to the speculation, with a speech in which he confirmed that the two governments were actively searching for what he called "a novel political structure" which could accommodate both communities in Ulster.

Dr FitzGerald emphasised that there was still a long way to go, but he insisted that there had been a considerable improvement in the atmosphere since the disastrous conclusion to last year's London summit.

British ministers and officials yesterday echoed Dr FitzGerald's caveat loudly. Mr Nicholas Scott, Britain's "duty minister" in the province, reacted to a highly optimistic Sunday newspaper report of an approaching deal by declaring that it had grossly "over-egged the pudding."

And Mr Hurd, preparing to leave Heathrow for the United States to explain the state of play to American officials, insisted that "both Governments have a great deal more thinking and talking to do before anything can come out of this."

The weekend report in the Mail on Sunday billed the new initiative as a deliberate bid by Mrs Thatcher to crown her successes in the Falklands war and the miners' strike with an even greater triumph in Northern Ireland. This interpretation brought predictable jeers from the Opposition.

But it is acknowledged in Whitehall and Westminster that Mrs Thatcher probably has a better opportunity to find a solution to the problem than any previous British prime minister, and perhaps any imaginable successor. Moreover, Dr FitzGerald is seen as the Irish politician most likely to seek an agreed solution.

One minister, though acknowledging that there was still "a hell of a long way to go," conceded that there was a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel because of the clear desire of both leaders to find an effective formula.

The Mail on Sunday's account of the prospective formula involved joint London and Dublin consultation on running the province, together with an anglo-Irish parliament drawn from the Commons and the Dail, and a beefed-up Northern Ireland Assembly in which Catholics would have entrenched rights.

But an underlying feature of the negotiations has been a prospective exchange of concessions between London and Dublin to offset the anger which any deal would provoke among Unionists. The Mail on Sunday said that the British Government would be prepared to make significant changes in the Anglo-Irish agreement, which set up a framework for consultation between London and Dublin on matters affecting Northern Ireland. In return Dublin would be accompanied by a significant increase in cross-border cooperation.

But such a deal would be bitterly opposed by the Unionist parties, which wrecked the last attempt at power-sharing in 1974, unless they could be persuaded that an acceptance of the border by Dublin was a sufficient price.

The running is being made largely in Dublin — to the considerable annoyance of British officials who fear a backlash in Ulster. They believe that public discussion of the issue may drive even some Unionist politicians who have privately indicated a willingness to talk to reconsider their position. The emphasis has been on greater cooperation between the two governments on such matters as the police and the courts.

Paul Johnson adds: The speculation prompted angry responses from Unionists who fear some sort of sell-out.

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Resign call to SA police minister

From Barry Streek in Cape Town

The resignation of the South African law and order minister was demanded by opposition parties yesterday amid continuing violence in the wake of Thursday's police killing of 19 blacks.

Ten people died in the Eastern Cape at the weekend, including three shot by police on Saturday night in Kwanobuhle, near Langa, the scene of Thursday's massacre. Yesterday a crowd of 35,000 people attended a tense but peaceful funeral at Kwanobuhle for six riot victims. Police kept out of sight as burned-out homes in the township smouldered.

In the US, the assistant secretary of state for Africa, Mr Chester Crocker, said Pretoria must make *constructive* changes in accommodating the black majority or face "chaos." But the South African President, Mr P. W. Botha, said he faced a "special situation" and "nobody in the world is going to stop me from keeping order."

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The resignation of the law and order minister, Mr Louis Le Grange, who is responsible for the police, was demanded by five of the eight political parties represented in South Africa's tricameral Parliament.

Two of the parties — the Labour Party, which controls the Coloured house of representatives, and the National People's Party, which controls the Indian house of delegates — are coalition partners of the government.

The Labour leader, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, and the NPP leader, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, belong to the South African cabinet, of which Mr Le Grange, is also a member. Their call was backed by the official opposition parties in all three houses.

Apart from last Thursday's killings, on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, the organisation calls cited several unfavourable court and inquest findings involving members of Vlakplaas, the anti-insurgency unit in Namibia.

They also cited the death of 18 Crossroads squatters during police action in February, predawn raids on Cape Town university students and the public admission by a senior officer that the security branch would engage in disinformation against people they considered subversive.

Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, the official Opposition in the white house of parliament, said: "I think the minister is such an embarrassment in his handling of these sensitive issues that he should not be allowed to continue in his post."

The PFP MP, Mrs Helen Suzman added her voice yesterday to the criticism after visiting the scene of Thursday's killings. "The impression we got from every source that we queried was that the whole thing was a peaceful march, and there was no need for police action at all," she said.

The PFP is collecting affidavits from witnesses of the shootings, and so far all have said the crowd did not provoke the police into opening fire, Mrs Suzman said.

Mrs Suzman said blacks she spoke to in the townships near Uitenhage were "bewildered, and getting angrier as the death toll mounts. I'm very apprehensive that this will escalate and spread. The blacks are very angry, and one can see why. All this talk of reform is just nonsense in the face of this kind of disaster."

After yesterday's funeral service, thousands of mourners travelled home through white Uitenhage. The town was deserted except for uniformed police and reservists stationed on almost every street corner.

Blacks jeered and shouted catcalls at police, including "We're going to get you, whitey," but there were no incidents. A police spokesman denied reports that army troops were helping out, but acknowledged that army exercises were being conducted in the area.

The spokesman also confirmed that police were investigating complaints by Molly

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Demonstrators jeer at the body of the son of the last community councillor, who was hacked and burned to death during unrest at Kwanobuhle township in South Africa's Eastern Cape

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Stores saviour's award



George Davies: pioneered chain

GEORGE DAVIES, chief executive of J. Hepworth & Son plc, has been named The Guardian Young Businessman of the Year.

Mr Davies, aged 43, joined Hepworth in 1981, and revitalised the company with the launch of the Next chain of women's clothing shops. Next was a retailing phenomenon, and in three years 200 shops opened country-wide. Next for men was successfully launched last year, and later this year Mr Davies will expand into a Next furnishing and decorating range designed by Tricia Guild, of the Designers' Guild.

The Guardian Young Businessman of the Year Award, made this year for the 15th time, recognises a significant contribution to business at a personal, company, and national level.

The judges were Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry; Mr Roy Close, director-general of the British Institute of Management; Sir John Hoskyns, director-general of the Institute of directors; and Mr Peter Gibbings, chairman of The Guardian and Manchester Evening News plc.

The award will be presented by the SDP leader, Dr David Owen, at a luncheon at Mansion House on Wednesday in the presence of the Lord Mayor of London and guests from industry and commerce.

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Ministers gear up to 'liberate' small businesses

By Ian Aitken
Political Editor

The next phase of the Government's plan to "liberate" businessmen from the burdens of planning restrictions, employment protection laws and red tape get underway this week. Ministers will publish a report on Friday defining the areas for reform.

In last week's budget the Chancellor promised moves to create a business climate in which employers would take on more workers and in a weekend speech the Prime Minister promised radical action to remove obstacles to job creation.

Mrs Thatcher's address to the half-yearly Conservative Council in Newcastle upon Tyne captured the headlines but not for its carefully planned announcement of the Government's six-point plan for jobs. To the chagrin of her advisers it was Mrs Thatcher's description of bishops as "cuckoo" which got the coverage.

Officials were at pains yesterday to draw attention to a series of moves designed to meet Mrs Thatcher's aim. At the head of the list is a plan to remove much of the post-war legislation on planning control, minimum wage levels and protection from unfair dismissal.

Friday's report, drawn up by Mr David Trippier, junior industry minister, is expected to define the extent to which businesses — particularly small ones — are hampered by such regulations. It will then be up to Lord Young, the cabinet minister responsible for job creation, to translate it into a programme.

Mrs Thatcher has mobilised several ministers to carry out her plans. Sir Keith Joseph is expected to publish a new white paper on schools this week, there is to be an employment white paper from Mr Tom King a few days later, and the Department of Transport is scheduled to publish guidelines for a Channel tunnel in the next two weeks.

Not long after the Easter recess it is expected that the Employment Department will follow up its white paper with new legislation to relax shop hours. And shortly afterwards, Mr King is expected to decide the fate of the wages councils.

The urgency with which the Prime Minister is now treating the problem of unemployment clearly reflects mounting anxiety that her Government's failure to reduce the total figure is becoming a serious vote loser. This was underlined yesterday with the publication of another opinion poll showing Labour pulling ahead of the Conservatives, and a huge majority of voters condemning the Government's record of unemployment as "bad."

The poll, conducted by MORI for the Sunday Times, put Labour two points in the lead with the Alliance slipping back to under a quarter of the electorate. The figures were: Labour 39, Tories 37, Alliance 22, and others 2.

Perhaps more significant were the poll's findings on issues like unemployment and the budget. It recorded only 13 per cent of voters believing that the budget would help to cut employment, with four-fifths saying it would do nothing.

Asked to choose between public spending and tax cuts as the best means of combating unemployment, 73 per cent preferred public spending. Only 23 per cent favourd the

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Homeless lodged in health risk hotels

By David Henecke, Social Services Correspondent

Bed and breakfast hotels in London are receiving more than £1 million a month in social security and ratepayers' money to accommodate homeless families, because there are no council houses available.

Councils are being forced to use hotels which their environmental health inspectors have condemned because they cannot find anywhere else to put them to meet their obligations under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act.

As much as £600,000 a year in social security is being paid

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to owners of unsuitable hotels from just one authority. Councils predict that these figures could double within the next 12 months.

A decision by Mr Tony Newton, the social security ministers, to curb the payments — known as board and lodging — will not apply to these hotel owners. Some organisations even believe that Mr Newton will enhance their incomes because their charges will just be within new London limits set by the Government from April 29.

Four authorities — Brent, Camden, Hackney, and Tower Hamlets — between them spend £9 million of ratepayers, and social security cash each yetar on putting up homeless families in hotels. Another £3 million is spent by Islington, Westminster, Kensington and

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Lawson may borrow more for tax cuts

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

The Chancellor might consider higher Government borrowing than presently planned to expand his scope for tax cuts in next year's budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson hedged this possibility of a larger budget deficit — the gap between revenues and spending with a number of prior conditions, but his remarks mark an important step towards the easier budgetary policy urged on him by his own wets and all the Opposition parties.

The surprising timing of his comments on London Weekend Television's Weekend World, comes less than a week after a restrictive budget designed to placate the financial markets. It suggests that only the sterling crisis in January stopped a small dose of Reaganomics.

Mr Lawson said that the important targets in his strategy were monetary, and that there may be some scope for a modest adustment in borrowing, though he repeated that this was only a possibility and the scope would be small. The main determinant of tax cuts would continue to be strict control of public spending.

Moreover, such change in the mix of policy with a more relaxed fiscal policy and a tighter monetary policy "will only be undertaken if I am absolutely confident that inflation is on a downward path."

He also emphasised that much depended on events outside his control, notably the US budget deficit and the rising dollar. He predicted that we had "probably seen the end of this astonishing, stratospheric rise in the dollar," which might create the climate next year for some adjustment.

Pressed by Mr Brian Walden, the interviewer, Mr Lawson said that there was no way of putting a figure on it — it might not be there at all and it would be wrong of him to make promises. He agreed that it was possible that there might be more unemployed than now in three years.

Mr Lawson said that last week's budget would have a "serious, important, and useful impact on jobs," and drew particular attention to the changed system of national insurance contributions to reduce the job cost of lower paid workers.

Norwich win Milk Cup



THE Norwich City captain, Dave Watson (left) shows his joy after his team beat Sunderland 1-0 in the Milk Cup final at Wembley yesterday with an own-goal just after half-time.

In Lisbon yesterday, Zola Budd became the first England athlete to win the women's world cross-country championship. The South African-born runner won by the huge margin of 23 seconds.

Portugal's Carlos Lopes, aged 38, retained the men's title.

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Soviet diplomat defects

From Ajoy Bose in New Delhi

A Soviet diplomat who disappeared while taking a morning walk in a New Delhi park last Sunday has defected to the United States, the Indian Government was told yesterday.

The Soviet ambassador to India, Mr V. N. Rykov, and the charges d'affaires of the US embassy in New Delhi, Mr Gordon Streeb, called on the Indian Foreign Secretary yesterday to tell him of the defection.

They said that Mr Igor Gheja, aged 37, an attache in the information department at the Soviet embassy, is in the US. He is believed to have sought political asylum after slipping out of India.

Mr Gheja is the third Russian to defect in India. In the 1960s Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, and a clerk in the information department defected.

A Soviet official claimed that Mr Gheja had defected "under duress."

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Worry at double-pay defence job for ex-arms firm chief

MPs will urge investigation of Levene posting

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The Commons Treasury and Civil Service committee will be asked this week to investigate the appointment of Mr Peter Levene, a former defence contractor, to head the Ministry of Defence arms procurement programme.

Two members of the committee — Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby, and Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Tory MP for Birmingham Selly Oak — will press for an investigation at a meeting on Wednesday.

Mr Mitchel said yesterday that it looked as if the Government had been intent on rushing through the appointment of Mr Leven, a former personal adviser to the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine.

Members of the committee are angry about the way the appointment was first made, without the approval of the Civil Service Commissioners, and are concerned about the implications for Whitehall.



Peter Levene—former special adviser to Mr Heseltine

They are also bitter at the way the Government last week rejected virtually all its recommendations covering civil servants taking up jobs in the private sector — the reverse of the same coin, as Mr Mitchell put it.

The value of Mr Levene's appointment — he is getting a salary of £95,000 a year, double the Civil Service rate for the job — questions the usefulness of the decision, Mr Mitchell said.

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, said yesterday that he had tabled questions to Mrs Thatcher asking her to name the 11 defence contractors tenders of which Mr Levene has been told he would not be able to advise on in his new role.

It is believed that some of the companies are subsidiaries — including Alvis — of his former company, United Scientific Holdings.

Mr Brown has also asked Mrs Thatcher — who says she personally approves of the appointment — when she first met Mr Levene and why he was not considered suitable by the Civil Service Commissioners to receive a certificate of qualification.

On Thursday the Government is expected to publish a consultation document on Mr Levene's proposal to hive off work in the Royal Navy dockyards at Rosyth and Devonport to private companies.

Mr Levene, who is believed to have had talks with about 20 companies, has suggested that private firms should be given a seven-year franchise to carry out repair work on warships.

Whitehall union ponders defiance of law

By John Ardill
Labour Correspondent

Civil servants will decide today whether to back down from a one-day strike next Monday or defy the Government's application for a restraining injunction and face the full rigours of the law.

Whichever way it steps, the Government's decision to use its employment legislation for the first time against its own employees in the Civil and Public Services Association, and the vote against a stoppage by the Civil Service Union, have further undermined what slight hope there was of a co-ordinated campaign of industrial action over this year's Civil Service pay claim.

Tomorrow all the unions in the public services meet at the TUC to consider plans for a broad front co-ordinated campaign in the next pay round. They have been talking co-ordination for several years, and this is probably the last realistic chance they have to make it happen.

There will continue to be some co-ordination of aims, and probably increased co-ordination of propaganda. Industrial action is already being planned.

The key lies with the largest negotiating group involved, the local government manual workers, who have just accepted a 10-month deal which moves their settlement date from November 4 to September 1. A new date was sought because they felt their pace-setting position at the start of the annual round made it politically impossible for the employers to give them the special treatment that they have conceded they deserve.

The new date means that negotiations will begin almost at once. The employers have agreed to set up a joint working party in regrading and tisi from this and other adjustments in the conditions of service that the unions hope to get a substantial increase to start them towards their aim of a minimum wage equal to two-thirds national average earings — the TUC low pay target.

But the unions do not expect to get it without a fight. Under the skilful leadership of Mr John Edmonds, public services officer of the General Municipal and boilermakers Union, who took charge of the manuals' negotiations in 1983, they have been preparing the ground carefully.

In the past two years of negotiations the employers have admitted that the 900,000 manual workers have fallen behind comparatively and absolutely, and deserve special treatment. That concession, and this year's deal which gives increases of between 4.7 and 5.7 per cent, have begun to raise expectations and morale among the manuals; the essential preconditions for a fight.

The employees will argue in the autumn, as they have in past years, that they cannot afford the increase their workers deserve. It will then be time to put that argument to the public test through a dispute. Selective strikes by areas are likely.

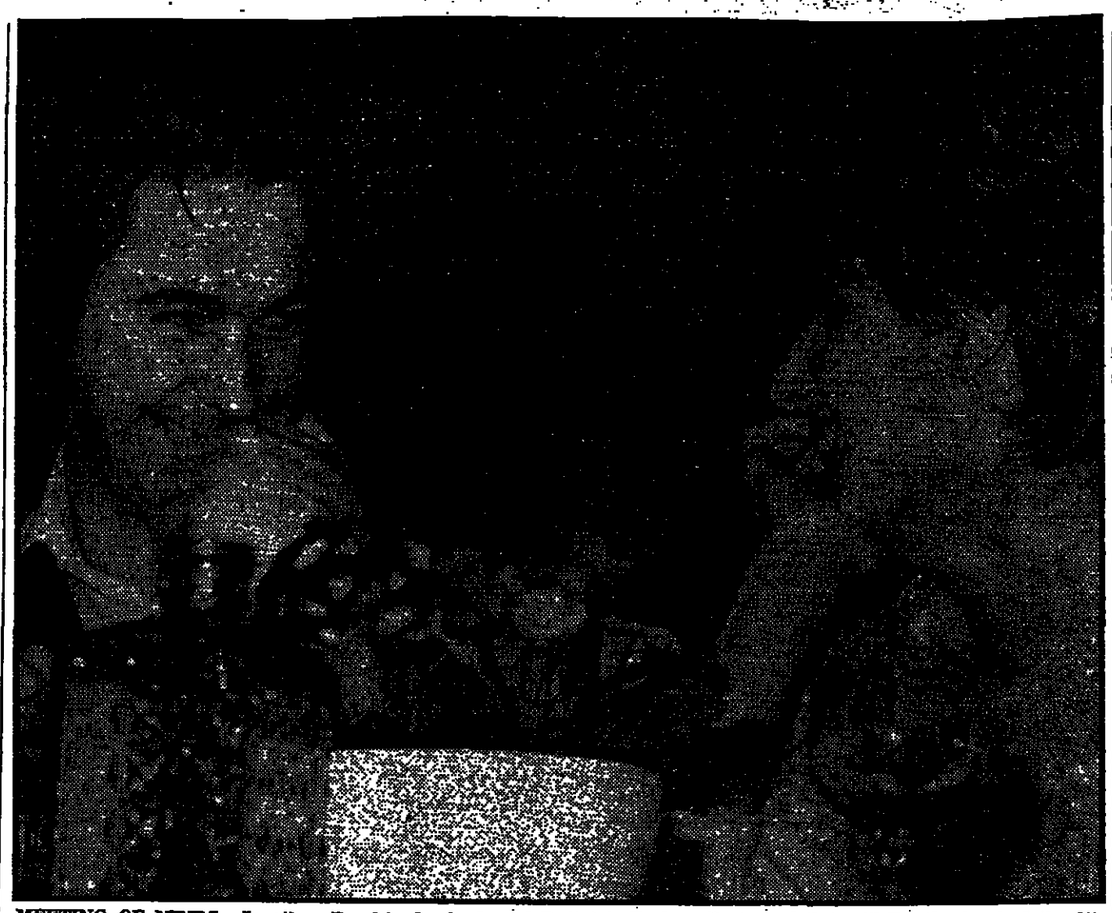
After the experience of the miners, and now the CPSA, the unions can be expected to keep within the law by strike ballots, and to use publicity to win the popular argument.

A local government manuals' dispute is about due, given the regular cycle which occurs in this area, and the time is ripe. Some relaxation of local government finance is expected next winter, making a catch-up settlement more feasible.

A further year's delay would be politically inept, coming too close to the next general election and reviving memories of the 1978 winter of discontent. The same constraint applies to other public service workers.

So what of co-ordination? The civil servants have probably missed their chance this year. The National Health Service will get peaceful settlements. The nurses review body, due to report soon, will probably make another holding operation award of around 6 per ent, and the health authorities have 5.6 per cent growth money, which will accommodate going-rate settlements for others.

So unless the teachers are still in dispute, the local government manual workers are likely to go it alone in the autumn. Aiming to get a substantial settlement either directly, or — following the historical pattern — through a special inquiry. The best the civil servants, teachers, and health workers can hope to do is gear up to emulate them by a joint confrontation in the spring.



MEETING OF MINDS: Jonathan Porritt, the leader of Britain's Ecology Party and Petra Kelly, the head of the 27 Green MPs in the West German parliament, share the platform during the second congress of the European Greens at Dover, which ended yesterday. Walter Schwarz, page 17. Picture by Melanie Friend

Police relations suffer setback after chief's Washington visit

By Alan Dunn

Relations between Labour-controlled Merseyside County Council and the police, which had been slowly improving since the Toxteth riots of 1981, have suffered a sharp setback.

Mr Kenneth Oxford, the chief constable, may face calls for his dismissal tomorrow when the county's police committee meets to discuss his claimed discourtesy in not telling it of his government mission to discuss police tactics in Washington last week.

When he did not turn up at last week's meeting, the chairwoman, Mrs Margaret Simey, said that in 23 years as a councillor she had never known such behaviour. One councillor said Mr Oxford has been arrogant and contemptuous of the committee.

The rupture comes just as the committee, in its final year under government plans to abolish the county, is poised to use new financial powers, unlocked unwittingly by Whitehall, to persuade the chief constable to adopt more community policing by putting more uniformed men back on the streets.

Mrs Simey says that finance will now become the instrument of political control in winning effective policing by public consent. This stems from the conflict between the Treasury and other Government departments.

Police budgets have normally been a matter of horse trading between a chief constable and the Home Office, which pays half the bill.

This year, the Department of the Environment, under orders from Mrs Thatcher to cut public spending, has entered the ring. At rate-capped Merseyside, it says, apparently with Treasury backing, that the agreed Home Office budget of more than £100 million should be cut by £12 million or face grant penalties.

The county says that it has had to bow to the ruling and will operate without a formal budget but within a spending limit for next year of £213 million.

According to Mrs Simey this means a challenge to the autonomy of chief constables, who will now have to take their place alongside councils' other services for a share of the money.



Mrs Margaret Simey—challenge to police autonomy
Picture by Denis Thorpe

The shifting of power from the police to elected members is good for the democratic system, she says. "At the moment bureaucrats and professionals have too much control over political policy. We are not trying to take anything away from the police but to develop political accountability."

The new mood was seen last week when the committee, under orders from the council's review body to seek economies, ignored police protests and cut vehicle numbers. A survey last year found that people wanted most to see the police enforcing the law, with more men in uniform walking the beat. Taking away the wheels would increase the opportunity to return men to the streets, said Mrs Simey.

"In no way do we want direct operational control but we do want our policies, based on the wishes of the people, to be adopted," she says. The issue came down to asking how far elected lay councillors ought to be able to control policing.

"We would like as a committee to give the public what they want. This means a drastic redeployment of manpower, which is always painful, but unless we can have partnership, a style of policing that we pioneered could face chaos."

Fianna Fail to debate security

From Joe Joyce in Dublin

The Irish opposition party, Fianna Fail, is to debate a possible withdrawal of the Republic's police and troops from the border at its annual conference this week.

Motions from 45 branches urge the redeployment of the security forces to fight the growing wave of crime and vandalism in the Republic's cities. The move is also indicative of a hardening of attitudes within the party towards Britain's policies on Northern Ireland.

The issue of law and order—topical because of an outbreak of joy-riding in Dublin—is expected to be the main issue at the conference which opens on Friday. Politically, the party hopes to use it to launch its local elections campaign.

Concern in the party at the Irish Government's approach to Northern Ireland—and at the approach of its own previous administrations—is also apparent from other resolutions.

One proposes a review of the party's attitude towards Anglo-Irish relations and suggests a campaign among other Common Market countries to underline the cost to the Republic of partition. Another seeks an end to the extradition of terrorist suspects.

The cost of border security to the Republic is proportionally much greater than the cost of the Northern troubles is to Britain.

An attitude of letting Britain enforce partition, since she imposed it against Irish wishes, may prove attractive to many voters when allied with the problem of dealing with burglaries, car thefts and attacks. That approach would undoubtedly be helped by the stalemate in political attempts to resolve the Northern crisis.

The party leader, Mr Charles Haughey, is expected to devote central parts of his conference address to Northern Ireland and to law and order.

OBITUARY

Architect of rail shake-up

A POPULAR newspaper wrote of Lord Beeching's appointment as British Rail chairman in March, 1962: "He came out of personal obscurity yesterday into a blazing political row — the man from East Grinstead whose name will be in the headlines over and over again. Make a note of it — Dr Richard Beeching."

He had long been Lord Beeching when he died at the age of 71 from a heart condition, in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

He was in the headlines long after ceasing to be British Rail chairman in 1965. His memory reverberates among mourners of quiet country railway stations as well as among students of brisk post-war attempts to modernise Britain.

Lord Beeching's attempt, as architect of the 1963 Beeching plan, was one of the first and most drastic, and he was always bitter that his "scientific, free enterprise technique for running a state service" was not allowed to go further. The plan demanded the closure of 5,000 of BR's then 17,800 route miles, and 2,300 stations of the then 4,709.

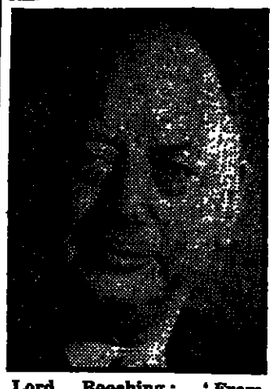
He was brought in by the Conservative government to diagnose and carry out this surgery — which he insisted was rational in terms of passenger and freight patterns — at a "Himalayan" salary of £24,000 after being a brilliant ICI technical director.

Thousands of lines, stations, and jobs were axed. But the 1967 Labour government announced a basic stabilised rail network of 11,000 miles — less than recommended in the first phase of Beeching's report, but 3,000 more than in the second phase.

His reputation as axeman was "an injustice I shall suffer in history." His widow, Baroness Beeching spoke at the weekend of his unfair press treatment. He had "made vast improvements which are appreciated today."

Richard Beeching son, of a journalist got a first in physics at Imperial College London, and worked at a high level in armaments research during the war developing a fast-fire heavy anti-aircraft gun. He joined ICI in 1948 and in 1953 commissioned its first transatlantic Terylene plant and rationalised its metals division.

After his term at BR he served as deputy chairman of ICI as chairman of both Furness and Withy and Redland and as board member of the Top Salaries Review Body. He once said his greatest virtue was that "I am resistant to delusion by established thought." He had no children. J.E.



Lord Beeching: 'From obscurity to a blazing row'

Literary critic

PROFESSOR George Wilson Knight, of Leeds University, whose death aged 87 was announced at the weekend, was recognised for more than 40 years as one of the most catholic and invigorating literary critics of his time. He was rare among scholars — during what was otherwise a period of literary doctrines — in having acted and directed King Lear, Othello, Shylock and other leading Shakespearean parts in the theatre.

His lifelong theme was the role of mystery and myth in literature. Among his 37 books, the best-known were The Wheel of Fire, The Imperial Theme, The Principles of Shakespearean Production and in later life, Lord Byron's Marriage.

Pay offer ultimatum to railmen

By John Ardill
Labour Correspondent

Railmen are being warned that their pay offer, to be decided in the next few days, depends on a return to normal after pit dispute disruptions cost £240 million in lost freight business.

The British Rail chairman Mr Bob Reid, in an article in the railways board newspaper Railnews, denies that the offer will be 2 per cent. But he warns "no-one's expectations should be high."

He tells the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the National Union of Railwaymen which blacked coal movements during the pits strike that the board must reward the loyalty of white collar staff. They cooperated in the removal of an entire level of management and the closure of 21 divisional offices.

He says it is important to finalise continuing negotiations on productivity — which the manual unions want separating from pay—to make the board competitive.

The changes sought will not put anyone out of work, Mr Reid says. The industry's retirement rate over the next five years means it will be hard pressed to recruit the 25,000 new people needed to run the business.

Two things will help towards a pay settlement, he says: "Getting the traffic moving again and doing all we can to restore customer confidence that the movement of their traffic by rail will not be disrupted again.

"I want to lead a railway industry that is prosperous and can afford to pay higher wages. The last way to achieve that is through a damaging conflict."

Suitable case for briefs

By Martin Wainwright

THE widespread suspicion that executive briefcases are really handbags in disguise has been borne out by a survey of their contents. Randomly-selected businessmen were stopped at airports and other busy places earlier this year and asked to divulge what they were carrying.

Inside most of the formal-looking black boxes lay the sort of jumble of cosy knick-knacks normally associated with a woman's handbag. Along with business papers — although 16 per cent weren't even carrying those — lay toothpaste, combs, alarm clocks, and souvenirs.

Shoe-cleaning kits, a sort of male version of lipstick, were a popular item, carefully separated from clean shirts. Newspapers were bundled in by 85 per cent of respondents, and keys were carried by 63 per cent, doubtless finding their way in the manner of all keys to an inaccessible corner at the bottom.

The most popular item of all, suggested that people take the word "briefcase" literally, was underwear, with 92 per cent remembering — or prompted by their wives — to put in their pants.

The survey was carried out for a leading briefcase manufacturer and carried one piece of reassuring news for their order book: briefcases remain a firm favourite in the difficult field of finding birthday presents for husbands and fathers. More than half those investigated proved to be gifts.

Peace vehicles vandalised

By a Staff Reporter

Police are investigating complaints that peace campaigners' vehicles were vandalised after being impounded during an attempt to reoccupy part of the proposed Molesworth cruise missile base in Cambridgeshire.

A mechanic, Mr Rex Ratcliffe, who was called in by the police, was struck by a coach and seriously injured while preparing to haul away a stranded peace vehicle on Friday night. A peace campaigner, aged 26, has been charged with reckless driving and assault and will appear at Huntingdon magistrates' court today.

Mr Ratcliffe, who lives near Molesworth and is in his 50s was more comfortable at Hinchingbrooke hospital, Huntingdon, last night, after an operation to remove his spleen and treatment for fractured ribs.

When peace campaigners collected four vehicles from a police pound at the weekend, they allegedly found mud in petrol tanks, severed wiring, and a prop shaft removed from a second world war towing vehicle.

Britain abandons its human rights lead

Malcolm Dean reports on the optimism despite UK objections at the European convention review

Britain's role in the European Convention on Human Rights has shown a dramatic shift between its creation 35 years ago and last week, when ministers from all 21 Council of Europe states carried out its first review.

In 1950, Britain provided the drafting lawyer, the supervising committee chairman and political leaders like Churchill, Macmillan and Bevin who had the clout to get the convention through the European consultative assembly and the cabinet.

In Vienna last week, Britain's two junior ministers who led the 10-member delegation, Sir Patrick Mayhew and Mr Timothy Renton, rejected every change, radical or moderate, and the UK was one of the few countires that felt there was no issue of human rights of sufficient concern for it to raise.

West Germany was equally opposed to the radical reforms but put forward the need to consider the position of individuals caught by public administration decisions — social security, for example, or immigration — against which there was no appeal to the Court of Human Rights.

Britain stood out against a radical Swiss plan to merge the Commission of Human Rights and the court, and there was no UK support for increased legal aid, time limits to speed up procedure, reviewing the committee of the ministers' role or an optional protocol to permit states that support the idea of petitioners' direct access to the court to actually grant citizens such a right.

Sir Patrick made it plain that Britain wanted no change until the already approved "protocol eight" — allowing the commission to split into two chambers to reduce delays — has been evaluated. It is clear this cannot dramatically reduce the average of six years that cases take to decide.

The ministerial meeting broke up with many divisions remaining but neither Mr Marcelino Oreja, the new secretary general of the Council of Europe, who warned of the weakening European commitment to human rights, nor the commission officials were downcast.

Despite the resistance of some states, including Britain, the ministers had met and been forced to take positions on the reforms proposed and, again despite the reluctance of the UK and others, there was a general willingness to consider change.

Radical proposals from Switzerland and Austria remain on the agenda and will be referred to an expert committee. 18 of the 21 states have signed protocol eight and the Swiss are planning a follow up conference next year.

Perhaps most important, the officials of the Strasbourg human rights directorate have a new secretary general determined to inject some dynamism into the Council of Europe which administers both court and commission.

Dynamism and patience will be needed, since none of the Strasbourg officials expect quick victories — even protocol eight will take two years.

Legal aid will have to be reviewed again. At present it is derisory and only becomes available after a goverment has been asked to comment on a case. For petitioners to have equal access to the court, it will have to be increased and be available earlier.

The time limits urged on the commission by human rights organisations, such as Amnesty International, Justice and Interrights, will probably eventually come but only by restructuring the institutions with another special protocol.

The Committee of Ministers' role has certainly become anomalous. All commission reports go to the commitee before being referred to the court. It made sense 30 years ago when many member states did not accept the courts jurisdiction but all countries except Turkey and Malta — now comply.

The human rights organisations have also suggested that commission reports become binding after three months if they are not referred to the court, and want an end to the system allowing the Committee of Ministers, a political body, a judicial role in commission reports against states seeing if the facts constitute a convention violation.

Animal day

A nationwide day of action is to be held next month in protest at the use of animals in laboratory experiments, including one test which involves applying toxic substances to the eyes of rabbits. It has been organised by Mobilisation for Laboratory Animals, an umbrella group representing anti-vivisection and animal welfare organisations.

Saxophonist Zoot Sims

TENOR saxophonist Zoot Sims, who played with Benny Goodman and was one of the saxophone team in the Woody Herman band from 1947 to 1949, died of cancer on Saturday, aged 59.

The jazz critic, Leonard Ferther, described Sims, who died in New York, as "a consistently warm and fluently improvising musician, with a light, personal sound and a persuasive beat."

Ken Ford

KEN FORD, the presenter of the BBC Radio Four programme Gardeners Question Time since 1977, died on Saturday at his home near Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, after a short illness. He was 57.



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Sports fields 'in jeopardy'

HUNDREDS of sports fields in England and Wales are threatened with closure and sale to the highest bidder because of a "ruthless" policy by local authorities, the Central Council for Physical Recreation warns today.

It has published a register of 372 sports fields which, it says, have been earmarked as "surplus to requirements" by town halls and education authorities which are anxious to sell them.

In the High Court today, parents will try to prevent Runnymede council in Surrey selling a playing field near where the Magna Carta was signed.

Mr Peter Lawson, the general secretary of the CCPR, said: "Surely it is absurd for the Government to be speculating upon the staging of an Olympic games when, at the same time, they are doing their best to sell off a British sporting heritage.

"Surely we have reached rock bottom when a group of concerned parents will appear in the High Court today in a bid to prevent Runnymede borough council — the custodians of the focal point of British democracy — from selling off prime sports land at this historic site."

He added: "We shall demand that renewed consideration be given to the sports fields and recreational facilities bill, which was drafted by the CCPR and introduced by Mr John Carlisle MP."

Baby's body: three charged

THREE people are to appear in court in Birmingham today after police found the body of a two-year-old in a shallow grave.

A man and a woman have been charged with the murder of Gemma Hartwell and another man has been charged with concealing the body and preventing an inquest. Her parents reported her disappearance on Saturday saying she wandered off while they were shopping in Birmingham's Bull Ring market. Police mounted a huge search and the body was discovered in a grave outside the city centre.

IRA arms haul found

IRISH police yesterday found IRA guns, ammunition and other equipment at a farmhouse near Kilkelly in County Mayo, believed to be the centre of a training base.

Behind a secret wall panel searchers found eight rifles, bullets, four walkie-talkie radio sets, an unaddressed letter bomb, timing devices and training details written on the back of election posters published by Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing.

Liver transplant doctors defiant

BRITAIN'S youngest liver transplant patient, three-year-old Ben Hardwick died at Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge, at the weekend.

His operation last year followed an appeal for a donor on the BBC television programme That's Life. A spokesman for Addenbrooke's said yesterday: "His death won't affect the liver transplant programme for children or anyone else."

Hunt for rapist

DETECTIVES yesterday launched a hunt for a sex attacker who raped a 10-year-old girl in a hotel room at Markyate near Hemel Hempstead. Police want to contact all the 400 guests, including those attending a masonic function, at the Hertfordshire Moat House Hotel on Saturday night. "This was a sickening attack," said a police spokesman.

Victim of IRA

A BODY found at Ballineollig, Co Cork, in the Irish Republic last night was believed to be that of a local man, Mr John Cochrane, aged 45, who was thought to have been the victim of an IRA punishment squad.

Mugging victim forced to live in 'squalid' hotel



Helen Southwood and son, Ernest in their £200-a-week 'noisy and smelly' room

Health officials condemn the overcrowded and insanitary conditions in which hundreds of London families are living. David Hencke investigates and looks at the high cost to ratepayers

HELEN Southwood is disabled after being mugged and she became homeless after quarrelling with the GLC about her council flat in Tower Hamlets.

She now lives in a £200-a-week room paid for by the ratepayers of Tower Hamlets. Mrs Southwood, her husband, Bernard, and their two-year-old son, Ernest, stay in the Sandringham Hotel in Lancaster Gate. They are estimated to be one of 900 families crammed into the Bayswater area of London by councils which have no homes to offer.

Many people are living in squalid conditions and compounding the problems faced by doctors, health visitors, social workers, and teachers.

The Sandringham Hotel is a six-storey terraced house only yards from Kensington Gardens. About 19 families from Tower Hamlets and 16 from Brent live in the hotel even though environmental health officers from both boroughs say they are unhappy about conditions there.

The hotel receives £5,000 a week from Tower Hamlets and £3,000 from Brent. Westminster council recently placed a management order on the premises after a visit from its environmental health inspectors.

Mr A.M. Norton, the chief environmental health officer for Brent council, says: "The Sandringham was unsuitable for use by homeless families due to inadequate food preparation facilities, lack of hot water, inadequate ventilation to bathrooms and WCs, overcrowding, and poor management."

His detailed report, compiled after a visit last month, says that water tanks were contaminated by pigeons; gas boilers were broken, there was an outbreak of infectious disease, rising damp, and dirty cookers used by 120 people.

Mrs Southwood said during a visit to the hotel with Brent councillors: "I try and stay out of the place all day, even if we just go for a walk in Hyde Park or visit a museum. The conditions here are appalling.

"It is noisy, smelly and there is no hot water. I wrote to Mr Newton (the minister for the disabled) all about it. He did not reply.

The Guardian tried to contact the managing director of the hotel, Mr Z. Jetha. A spokesman, who was given the details of our inquiry, said he was not available.

A similar picture emerged at two other hotels nearby.

A Brent inspector's report on the Marco Polo, which houses 500 people, said: "Whilst the exterior of the hotel looked impressive and luxurious, behind the reception area the premises took on a different air. The inspectors impression was one of long, rambling, confusing corridors with large numbers of children of all ages roaming around them."

The kitchen for 500 people was described as "totally inadequate for the cooking needs .... the windows were filthy and some glazing was broken, with a light well choked with rubbish and food debris."

The inspector's verdict was: "Premises unsuitable and should only be used on an emergency basis."

Mrs Mina Padamsey, the manager of the hotel, when asked about conditions there, said: "How dare you come into this hotel without asking my permission? I get very angry when people come in with councillors and start talking to other people without our knowledge. We have nothing to hide. People don't realise the problems hoteliers have looking after these families."

She said she had planned to undertake improvements but did not receive large sums of money to look after people on social security.

The Coway Court hotel seemed to be in a better condition, but similar problems were found. Some families had been there for 22 months waiting for a council house.

Mr John Mordecai, a Brent councillor who regularly inspects the hotels with a team of councillors, said: "We know we are sending families to live in these conditions, but what can we do?

"Since we can no longer build council houses and many existing are being sold off, the waiting list for this emergency accommodation just gets longer and longer."

Pictures of the conditions in the hotels were shown to Mr Tony Newton, the social security minister, whose department meets a substantial amount of the bill.

He said: "The Department of Health is not directly responsible for any of the accommodation. Social security is worked out on peoples circumstances and their needs. It is a matter for local authorities what they do.

"I am sure many local authorities must have empty council houses they could use for these people. I do hope that social security offices, if they receive complaints, might look into this."

Farmer fights warble fly plan

By Martin Wainwright

A FARMER who is to challenge a government campaign to eliminate an agricultural pest will be challenged in court tomorrow.

Mr Martin Purdy, of Dene Farm, near Taunton, Somerset, is refusing to give his 80 Jersey cattle the compulsory annual treatment against warble fly because he believes that the chemicals involved are potentially lethal.

He is asking the High Court for an injunction preventing the Ministry of Agriculture from carrying out a threat to enter his land later this week to treat the herd. He then hopes for a judicial review of the Warble Order.

Mr Purdy, who farms 160 acres by organic methods, said yesterday that the organophosphorous compounds required by the ministry were dangerous to people and cattle. "Cattle can die, suffer temporary paralysis and have lung collapse or other respiratory disorders. I also know of many farmers who have been very ill after carrying out the treatment," he said.

Mr Purdy, aged 31, who has farmed for 12 years, said that the ministry requirement that cattle should not be milked for six hours after treatment was also inadequate. Research in Australia and New Zealand suggested that the pesticide levels remained too high for much longer.

Dr Alastair Hay, a lecturer in chemical pathology at Leeds University, said that research suggested that three of the four chemicals used would leave a residue in milk well above international guidelines for 18 hours. "Mr Purdy has a good case and I would be happy to give evidence for him in court," he said.

Mr Purdy is backed by other academics and MPs but the ministry said yesterday that it was confident that the organophosphates were safe.

A spokesman said that they had been tested and approved by the Veterinary Products Committee.

The warble fly larva enters cattle through their legs, burrows into the body and emerges as a fly after boring through the animal's back. Organophosphates have reduced infestation from 38 per cent of Britain's cattle in 1978 to 0.01 per cent and the ministry is hoping to eliminate it completely soon.

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Ministers under fire as angry Tories tell Government to tackle system's faults or risk losing next election

Conservative councillors attack rates reform delay



Kenneth Baker — 'studies are already underway'

By Peter Hetherington, Northern Political Correspondent

Tory councillors have told senior ministers that failure to tackle the inequalities of the rates system will cost Conservatives the next election.

At the party's central council meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne at the weekend, they also warned that Tory councils were incensed because they were being penalised after keeping within spending guidelines.

The local government minister, Mr Kenneth Baker, was taken aback by the criticism from councillors who have been the strongest supporters of the Government's rate-capping.

He pledged that Environment Department studies on reforming local government finance would be presented to the Cabinet by the early summer but gave no indication when the critics could expect action.

Mr Bill Sharp, Conservative leader of Castle Point council in Essex, said that the patience of some authorities — subject to "blatantly unfair treatment" — was wearing thin.

Many district councils had one arm cut off by reductions in rate support grant and another by capital spending restrictions. The Government, elected by a massive majority, needed an "injection of faith."

The strongest criticism came from councillors in Scotland, where a recent rating revaluation — leading to substantial increases for householders this year — brought a storm of protest from the senior Tories.

Mrs Rosemary Ferrand, from Perth and Kinross Conservative Association, warned that she represented an "endangered species" — Scottish Conservative councillors.

"If we are not protected we will soon be extinct," she said. "I hope you will agree we are a species worth preserving, but to our dismay our Conservative Government takes a different view."

At a regional council byelection at Troon, in Ayrshire, last week, Labour overturned a large Conservative majority to gain another seat on Strathclyde regional council.

Mr Joseph Highgate, secretary of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association, spoke of a political explosion: "I have never known such a spontaneous and hostile reaction, particularly from our own supporters . . . members are sending out danger signals."

Failure to solve the rating problem could "seal the fate of the Government," and he called for immediate action to reform the rating system, which could take the form of pilot legislation in Scotland. A mere promise of legislation would be treated with the "utmost cynicism," he added.

Newcastle city council's Conservative group leader, Mr Bert Moore, warned that if the Government failed to tackle the rates problem, it would be out at the next election: "I am certain of that."

Mr Baker, who said he would convey the anxiety to the Scottish Secretary, Mr George Younger, acknowledged that the system of local council finance needed overhauling.

Department of the Environment studies were well in hand and would examine the accountability of councillors to the electorate in inner cities. "The link, my friends, between the rate demand and the ballot box is wearing very thin," he claimed.

In many areas, Mr Baker said, the business rate constituted 40 per cent of the total rates paid although in some boroughs, notably Camden, in London, it amounted to 64 per cent.

"Small businesses do not feel they are participating in decision-making which results in them bearing such a high local tax," he added. "The object of my studies is to re-establish true local accountability and responsibility."

The Government faced more criticism over the apparent desire of the Transport Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, to site a third London airport at Stansted.

Most speakers in a debate on regional policy wanted the airport sited in the North for jobs and correct an imbalance with the South-east.

The industry minister, Mr Norman Lamont, promised to relay the concern to the Government.

Some representatives to the central council meeting were clearly unimpressed with the stout defence of last week's budget by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor.

Several resolutions — not selected for debate — were deeply critical of the Government's attitude towards unemployment.

Dr Peter Price, opposition leader on Cleveland County Council — whose local Conservative association is critical of Government economic policy — said he felt many northern Tories favoured a relaxation of the current tight monetary control to help ease unemployment.

African link raises Aids fear

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Department of Health officials have not checked the sources of the plasma from which blood products supplied by American firms are made, despite allegations by a leading blood specialist that contaminated plasma was responsible for the Aids outbreak.

A spokesman said: "This is the responsibility of the US Food and Drug Administration. I have no basic information on what inquiries are made here."

Dr Peter Jones, director of the Newcastle upon Tyne haemophilia centre, suggested in the British Medical Journal that the Aids virus originally spread from central Africa, where it is endemic, to westerners with no natural protection against the disease through blood plasma bought in Africa and sold to drug companies.

Plasma agencies operated in the late 1970s in Kinshasa, capital of Zaire and the centre of the African Aids epidemic, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where the first western cases of Aids were diagnosed in 1978.

The long incubation period of the fatal disease — four years or more in some cases — matches the timescale for the outbreak in the US.

Dr Jones believes that haemophiliacs — including three in Britain — may have contracted the disease from this source, and not, as previously though, from blood products made from plasma bought from US homosexuals.

The position was so serious, Dr Jones said, that this information ought to be made public. But the Department of Health has so far refused to do so.

One of the leading blood product importers, Travenol, has promised an investigation into the sources of plasma in the 70s. The firm's general manager in Britain, Mr Jack McGinley, said: "All the plasma we use comes from the States. None comes from Africa. We would not be willing to publish the sources because it is an extremely competitive market."

Dr Tony Pinching, a member of the Department of Health's Aids advisory group, called for an investigation into Dr Jones's theory. "It is an important and plausible hypothesis which we need to explore," he said.

Defiant Owen answers critics of hard line on miners' strike

By Paul Hoyland, Welsh Correspondent

Dr David Owen stamped his authority on the Social Democratic Party's annual Welsh assembly at the weekend with a declaration that he was not afraid to support policies that were labelled "Thatcherite."

He dismissed speculation that he was entering the lion's den after recent criticism from the Welsh party hierarchy that he appeared to be leaning heavily towards the Tories.

In particular, the SDP leader's hard line on the miners' strike was not well received in the valleys' mining communities and alarmed some members of the party's Council for Wales wanting a more centre left approach.

Dr Owen forcefully told the assembly in Tenby, Dyfed, that his strategy had been proved correct. "We are the only ones who can hold our heads up high."

He denounced the "Marxist and Communist" miners leaders who had set pit against pit and man against man. There had been persistent violence on the picket lines and it was essential to safeguard democracy under the rule of law.

"If you tell me that's Thatcherite, so what. I tell you bluntly that I am not going to be put in a position by anyone that I have to apologise for saying that some things this government does are right or wrong," he said.

Dr Owen, who unsuccessfully opposed the joint selection agreement reached between the Alliance parties in Wales, said he would continue to maintain the SDP's separate identity.

He told a press conference that a joint Welsh SDP/Liberal conference in Cardiff on unemployment was within the constitution but he did not foresee a joint national conference.

DR OWEN is finding it "irksome and difficult" to adjust to the frustrations of minority party politics, according to his Liberal counterpart, Mr David Steel.

In an assessment of the relative strengths of the two Alliance's leaders for BBC Scotland's Seven Days yesterday he denied that Dr Owen was the dominant partner.

He advised reporters to consult the grass roots about his standing among Welsh members. "The trouble is that the voices you are hearing in Wales are the voices of the officers and I don't think the voice of the party has come through as yet," he said. "There is a hell of a lot of people who are only surprised that I have not put the boot in. The members must determine whether they are happy with the conduct of their leaders. It is not for me to say."

Mr Gwynoro Jones, the retiring SDP chairman in Wales who has questioned Dr Owen's style of leadership, told the assembly that the Council for Wales had taken collective decisions on all major issues. "It has not just been the president or the chairman's response," he said.

Mr Tom Ellis, the president of the party in Wales, warned that the national leadership would have to become far more radical. There should be an absolute commitment to introduce proportional representation and devolve substantial power to the regions.

"There is little hope for Britain unless the constitutional issues are tackled as a matter of top priority," he said.

When the Welsh Council decided on a joint conference there were noises against the proposal. "What charade, what cynical game is somebody playing?" He said. "What Machiavellian plot is someone up to? Are we an Alliance or aren't we?"

Sanctuary couple plea by bishop

By Martin Wainwright

The Church of England has made a further intervention on behalf of Vassils and Katerina Nicola, two Greek Cypriots threatened with deportation who have taken sanctuary in a London church.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, has written to the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, appealing for a reconsideration of the decision to return the couple to Cyprus.

The Nicolas were forced out of their home when the Turks invaded northern Cyprus.

The Home Office, in a ruling later upheld by the High Court, refused to recognise them as refugees on the grounds that they had relatives and the possibility of a home in the south of the island.

Dr Leonard, who is considered a conservative in church circles, acted after discussions with London's four junior bishops. One of them, the Bishop of Edmonton, the Right Reverend William Westwood, had unsuccessful talks with the immigration minister, Mr David Waddington, last week.

The Nicolas have been living in a side-aisle of St Mary's, Enston, for 26 days with the support of the vicar, the Rev Phillip Dyson, and the congregation.



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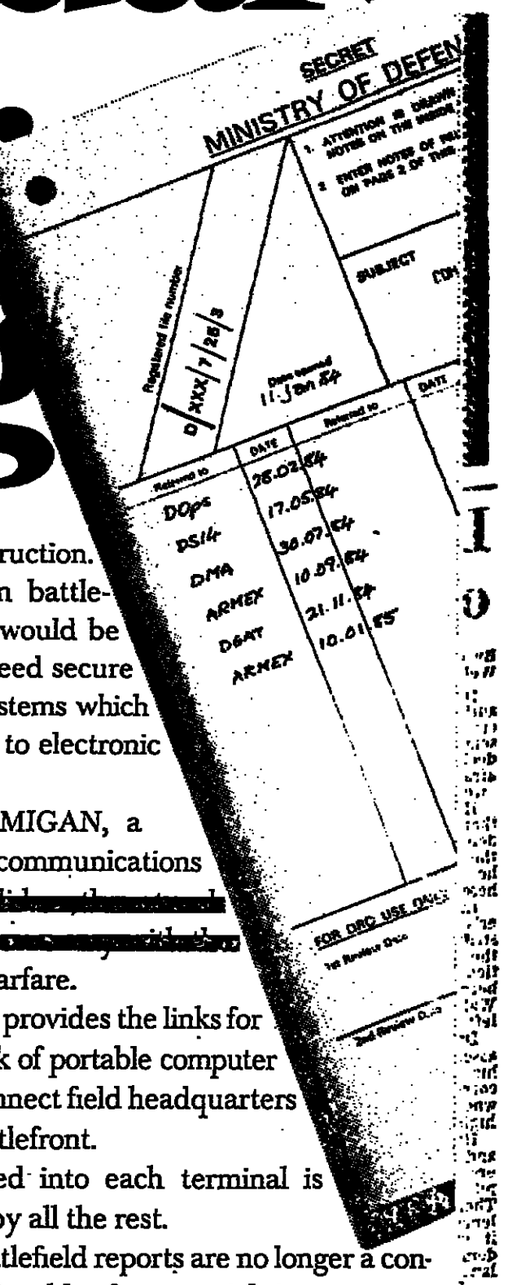
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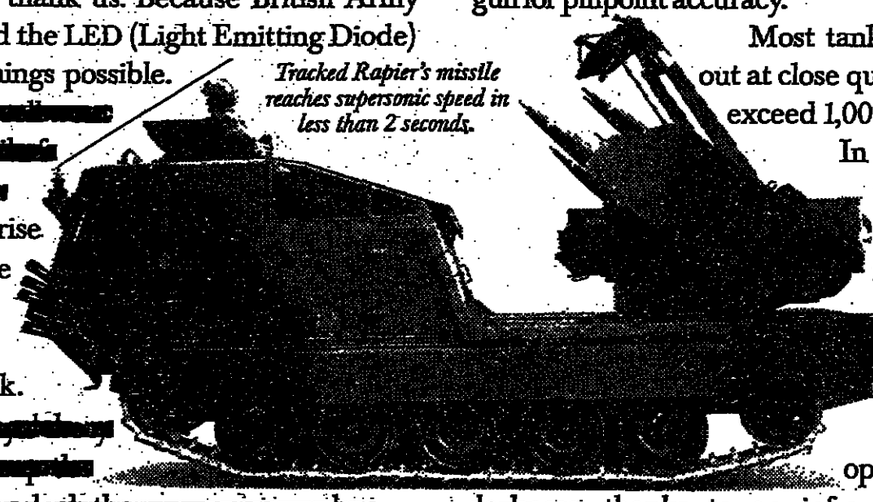
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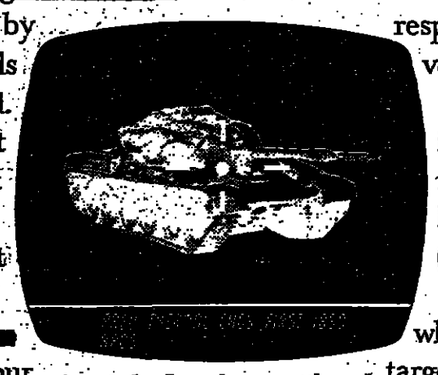
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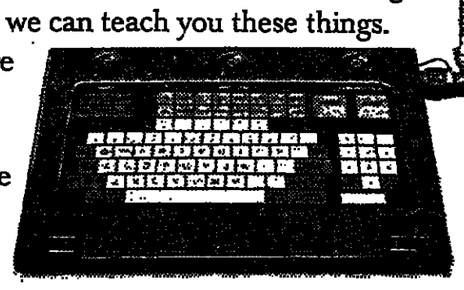
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Castro upset by Soviet approaches to US

Moscow 'weakness' on Managua strains relations with Cuba

By Dusko Doder in Moscow

A serious strain is reported to have developed in Soviet-Cuban relations about what President Castro views as Moscow's weak and indecisive response to US pressure on Nicaragua.

Eastern European sources said that the Cuban leader felt both frustrated and annoyed at conciliatory approaches by the late Soviet president, Konstantin Chernenko, to the US. Moscow has hardly reacted to a series of public pronouncements aimed at the left-wing Government in Managua, including a comment by President Reagan last month that in effect said he was seeking the removal of the Sandinistas from office.

President Castro failed to attend Mr Chernenko's funeral this month, presumably to register his displeasure with Soviet policy toward Nicaragua. He also did not sign the book of condolences at the Soviet embassy in Havana.

The Cuban leader attended the funerals of Chernenko's two predecessors, Yuri Andropov and Leonid Brezhnev. His brother, Raul represented Cuba at Chernenko's funeral.

Mr Gorbachev met Mr Raul Castro on Wednesday for talks which, according to an official communique, passed in the spirit of "fraternal friendship, cordiality and full mutual understanding." Raul Castro, who is Cuba's Vice-President and Defence Minister, had conferred earlier with Marshal Sergei Sokolov, the Soviet Defence Minister, and other senior officials here.

Sources here said that President Castro was profoundly annoyed with Mr Chernenko last March when the Soviet leader refused to allow a Soviet naval flotilla to approach Nicaraguan waters. The flotilla was on its way to Nicaragua when a Soviet tanker was severly damage by a mine at the entrance to Nicaragua's Pacific harbour of Puerto Sandino.

According to the sources, Dr Castro was turned down when he urged Moscow to have the flotilla proceed to Nicaragua to signal Soviet military backing for the Sandinistas.

In another incident, US television networks quoted Washington sources last autumn as saying that Soviet Mig-21 jet fighters were heading to Nicaragua. But Moscow sent no such jets, limiting its aid to several tanks and helicopter gunships.

The Russians have been extremely reluctant to project their power so far away from their territory. Instead, they apparently have decided to try to relieve the US pressure on Managua by signalling to the US Administration that they can inflict damage on US interests closer to Soviet borders.

Reports in well-informed Soviet circles recently have suggested that the new Soviet leadership was now considering unspecified actions against Pakistan, an American ally, in case of a direct US military move against the Sandinistas.

This view was reinforced by a report of the meeting between Mr Gorbachev and President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan, who wa here for the funeral of Chernenko, according to Tass. Mr Gorbachev sharply criticised Pakistan for supporting "aggressive actions" mounted on its territory against Afghanistan, a Soviet ally, and warned General Zia that his policy "cannot but affect in the most negative way Soviet Pakistani relations".

There is little doubt that Moscow would become militarily engaged if there was a threat to Cuba, which is the most important physical and political bridgehead for Soviet influence in Latin America.

But in general terms, the Russians tend to see the rest of Latin America much as Americans see Eastern Europe. Moscow recognises that the US is the dominant power in Latin America. But the Russians also realise that any weakening of US political and economic influence in the region becomes an important factor in the global competition between the superpowers. Anti-Americanism in Latin America thus is as important for Moscow as anti-Soviet sentiment in Eastern Europe is for Washington.

President Castro's commitment to the Sandinistas according to Western diplomats here, seems to be far more ideological than Moscow's. Chernenko's decision to have the Soviet flotilla return home instead of proceeding to Nicaragua was apparently taken by President Castro as a sign that Moscow's support for the Sandinistas in case of direct US intervention would be largely verbal.

The hints of Moscow linking Nicaragua to Pakistan and its support of Muslim rebels fighting the Soviet-supported Afghan Government appeared to place both issues in a new context. It is possible, some observers here speculate, that the new Soviet leadership plans to get tough with General Zia in an effort to stop Afghan rebel activities on Pakistani soil. — Washington Post.

Community in gruelling run-up to summit

From Derek Brown in Brussels

RARELY in the busy field of internal EEC conflict have so many ministers been called upon to defend so many *national interests in such a* short space of time.

The exercise starts today with the opening of a three-day meeting of agriculture ministers. Tomorrow, industry ministers get their turn. On Wednesday the Italian Foreign Minister will be hard at it with his Spanish and Portuguese counterparts. On Thursday and on Friday, all the Community foreign ministers will be here.

Half-way through Friday, topping off a spectacular outpouring of European rhetoric, the Ten national leaders will arrive for the EEC summit.

Two issues will dominate. They are the perennial battle to control spending on the Common Agricultural Policy, and the last chance to shoehorn Spain and Portugal into the Community at the start of next year.

The three-day farm ministers' council — which could stretch into four days, and is indeed almost certain to spill over into next week — is likely to produce the most verbal violence. At issue is the EEC Commission's plan to freeze farm prices in the 1985-86 season, thus confining the CAP's cost to around £12 billion, or just over two-thirds of the entire Community budget.

Everyone wants the CAP to be brought to heel, but there is bitter disagreement on how, with every country busily explaining how the sectors most important to their own farm industries need special treatment.

Britain, for example, is in the forefront of the campaign to cut the CAP, but Mr Michael Jopling will be arguing fiercely against proposals to ban special aids to UK beef *and sheep farmers.*

The annual price-fixing shouting match is supposed to be completed by April 1. But this year the farm ministers and their entourages are gloomily contemplating yet another marathon round of talks, starting on All Fools' Day itself. As ministerial meetings in April are always held in Luxembourg, the hotel industry of the Grand Duchy is set for an unexpected Easter bonus.

Before the second main feature of the week — the accession talks with Spain and Portugal — there will be an important side-event when industry ministers discuss the continuing problems of the Community steel industry. Their debate, taking in production quotas, prices, and state subsidies, will be long and hard.

The EEC foreign ministers must already be feeling more at home here than in their respective capitals. Last week they broke all records with five solid days of debate on the eight-year-old applications by Spain and Portugal to join the Community.

They got — and remain — tantalisingly close to final agreement on Thursday night when the applicant countries, and nine of the 10 member states, were ready to sign a global agreement. Only France held out.

The French want marginal changes in the proposed terms on wine and fisheries. Their objections, which took the other weary negotiators by surprise, are thought to be connected with the Government's pressing political need to maintain favour in the eyes of the French farming and fishing electorate.

The Italian Foreign Ministers, Mr Giulio Andreotti, who now holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers, will be holding talks with the Commission and with the Spanish and Portuguese foreign ministers on Wednesday, before the council proper launches into an intensive 36 hours of talks on Thursday.

He will be hoping and working for the French to be put under intolerable pressure to give way on the accession terms. For if the foreign ministers fail again, the hugely complex dossier will be dumped on to the summit agenda for the following day.



SPANISH PROTEST: a demonstrator, wearing a mask of President Reagan, joins a march from Madrid to a US air base 13 miles away to protest against Spain's membership of Nato.

Action on racialism planned

From Campbell Page in Paris

Anti-racialist groups are taking action tomorrow with respect to an incident in the resort town of Menton in south-west France, where a Moroccan was shot dead and a young man from Martinique wounded by two locals who explained that they "did not like Arabs."

The collective for equal rights and against racialism in the region said the attack had taken place "in a very definite climate, that of the region's cantonal elections, during which certain candidates did not hesitate to unleash racialist feelings."

The people of Menton are being asked to demonstrate against racialism tomorrow evening. A national organisation SOS Racialism has asked its supporters in the schools to devote an hour to discussing the problem of racialism tomorrow morning.

In Menton the authorities are apparently very sensitive about the shootings. Although it took place early on Thursday morning, and two men were taken into custody a few hours later, the police did not follow their usual practice of promptly releasing the names and photographs of the men.

The names have now been released: Yves Podolski, aged 27, a clerk in the Social Services Office and known as a collector of weapons and a man of extreme rightwing views, and Francis Piovano, aged 28, unemployed and already known to the police.

Mr Aziz Madak, a Moroccan cook, aged 28, was fatally wounded in the chest. Mr Jean-Luc Louis-Jean, an 18-year-old from Martinique, was shot three times.

Racialism is a particularly delicate subject here since the emergence of the extreme right National Front as a political force.

Bolivian strike at an end

La Paz: A 16-day-long general strike that led President Hernan Siles Zuazo to deploy the army in the capital and cost the country an estimated $140 million ended at the weekend when the trade unions accepted the Government's latest offer.

The Labour Federation said, through church intermediaries, that it would accept a proposal to raise the minimum wage *from $18.70 a month to about* $90 — an increase of 232 per cent. The federation had been demanding increases of up to 500 per cent, in addition to the installation of a Socialist workers' government, price controls, the resignation of the President and the nationalisation of banks and mines.

These latter demands were not granted, it was understood.

A federation spokesman said that workers would be satisfied with the new pact provided the *Government* kept its pledges to control inflation and ensure adequate food supplies. Otherwise, he warned, a new strike might be called.

The strike, the longest since democracy returned to Bolivia over two years ago, shut down banks, mines, factories, most businesses, public transport, all long distance communications, public hospitals and government offices. Because of the strike, Congress decided this week to postpone presidential elections from June 16 to July 14.

Romero protest demands justice

From Paul Ellman in San Salvador

Thousands of Salvadoreans, among them a few leftwing guerrillas, marched through the streets yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the murder of this city's archbishop, Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

The marchers packed the ramshackle cathedral here where the prelate delivered many of the impassioned pleas for the poor and oppressed, which eventually cost him his life.

The anniversary threatened to add to the embarrassment of the Government, headed by *President Jose Napoleon* Duarte, whose Defence Minister, General Carlos Vides Casanova, was last week implicated in the assassination.

Speaking to an estimated 5,000, the present Archbishop of San Salvador, Monsignor Arturo Rivera Y Damas, said: "We are still waiting for his death to be cleared up and the guilty to be punished."

In an apparent rebuke to the Government, Monsignor Rivera Y Damas said there could be no peace in El Salvador unless the killing was investigated.

Guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front had said they would attend the mass and a small group of young men with concealed faces, apparently carrying weapons in bags, was among the marchers.

The former leader of Salvadorean military intelligence, Colonel Roberto Santivanez, said in Washington last week that the killing was ordered by a group of officers which included General Vides Casanova and Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, the political *spokesman of the extreme* right.

The officer who sponsored the careers of both General Vides Casanova and Major D'Aubuisson was assassinated on the northern outskirts of the capital on Saturday.

The victim of the latest political killing was General Jorge Alberto Medrano, who in the mid-1960s founded a rural movement called Orden, which eventually became an instrument of oppression and spawned the death squads.

Contras 'hit hospitals'

New York: The US-backed rebels fighting against Nicaragua have destroyed medical facilities and killed doctors and nurses in a campaign to terrorise the rural population, the Central America Health Rights Network says.

The group charged that 63 health units have been destroyed or forced to close because of Contra attacks.

"Based on my direct observation, it's rather incredible that President Reagan could refer to the Contras as freedom fighters or as the moral equivalent of our founding fathers," Dr David Siegel, an associate director at San Francisco general hospital, said.

Finnish Communist divisions widen

From Donald Fields in Helsinki

The Communist Party took another step towards splitting this weekend, when an extraordinary congress empowered the central committee to expel branches that flout party rules. A check on membership is also likely.

This means that the nationalist majority, which gained almost complete control at last May's regular congress, will exclude the intransigent pro-Soviet minority from 34,000-strong party: Mr Arvo Aalto, the chairman of the party said that a final end to the divisions that have torn the party for 19 years must be achieved before the 1987 general election.

Each faction is accusing the other of causing the split. How quickly Mr Aalto operates, could be determined by meeting of the minority next Friday and of the Central Committee on May 4.

The minority's Soviet friends are presumably considering *whether they can prevent the* humiliating break-up of a once-influential party. Communist Party strength has almost halved to only an eighth of the electorate during the dispute.

Addressing the congress, Mr Aalto renewed his call for "socialism with a Finnish face," but more than normally favoured Soviet policy, criticised an "upsurge or writing in Finland offensive to the USSR."

This could have been motivated by a desire not to be branded "anti-Soviet," though the leader has recently been snubbed by Moscow. Partly dictated by geography, this posture sets Mr Aalto and his disciples aside from classic Euro-Communists.

Mr Aalto said there was still a place in the Communist Party for all who abided by the rules, but it appeared the minority were set on excluding themselves and blaming the majority."

The Finnish Communist Party was founded in Moscow in 1918 and has been split between a Moscow-backed "Stalinist" wing and a "*nationalist" majority since 1966,* but both sides have so far avoided the responsibility for a formal break.

Papandreou certain of victory in vital ballot

From George Coats in Athens

The Government's candidate for the presidency obtained enough votes in a special parliamentary ballot at the weekend to ensure victory in Friday's vital third ballot.

Such a victory would remove the threat of a constitutional split being added to the already severe left-right confrontation which looms over this general election year.

A Supreme Court judge, Mr Christos Sartzetakis, the candidate supported by the governing Socialists and the Communist Party received 181 votes in the second ballot without the participation of the acting Head-of-State, Mr Yiannis Alevras.

To be assured of victory in the first two ballots Mr Sartzetakis would have needed two thirds of the votes, which was impossible as he is opposed by the conservative opposition New Democracy Party which holds more than a blocking third of the seats. But on the third and last ballot, the requirement drops to 180 votes, or three fifths of the seats, which — with Socialist, Communist and pledged independent support — should be possible.

In the first ballot eight days ago, Mr Sartzetakis fell two votes short.

Mr Alevras, the former President of Parliament, became acting Head-of-State after the veteran conservative, Mr Constantine Karamanlis, reacted to Pasok's decision not to back him for a second term by resigning the presidency prematurely. While the Constitution lays down that the president of Parliament should take *over as acting Head-of-State in* the absence of the president, it does not specify whether he thereby loses his parliamentary role.

Saturday's ballot brought signs of a growing rift in Greek politics. As Conservative MPs, objecting to what the described as manipulation of a supposedly secret ballot, shouted "shame" and threw their ballot slips into the air, a New Democracy deputy, Mr Eleftherios Kalogiannis, grabbed the ballot box from the speaker's dais and ran from *the chamber. The ballot began* when the box was returned. Papers of a different colour were to be used for abstentions.

Strike cripples Denmark

Copenhagen: The biggest industrial conflict for 12 years yesterday resulted in 300,000 private sector employees striking or being locked out.

The dispute, which follows the breakdown of wage talks on Thursday, could cripple food and fuel supplies, transport, docks and wide sectors of manufacturing industry, if it continues.

Planes and ferries were among the first victims of the dispute. The Scandinavian airline, SAS, cancelled all flights to and from Denmark, small islands were cut off as ferries stopped and a hospital at Aalborg in northern Jutland sent hundreds of patients home.—Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

250 lost in ferry

ABOUT 250 Bangladeshis, mostly women and children, are missing feared drowned after an overloaded river ferry sank in a storm with up to 400 people on board. Thirty bodies have been recovered.

The two-deck ferry sank on Saturday about six miles west of the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka, and rescue operations were suspended yesterday when a second storm blew up. It was carrying 100 more passengers than its capacity, according to survivors, and women and children were reported to have been trapped on the lower deck. — AP.

Rape silence

ABOUT half of US rape victims never report the crime because they distrust the legal system or fear reprisals, according to the Government's first in-depth report on rape, released yesterday. More than 1.5 million incidents of rape or attempted rape took place in the US in the 10 years up to 1982.—Reuter.

Guerrillas strike

THE leftwing Portuguese urban guerrilla group, FP-25, claimed responsibility yesterday for the murder of a Portuguese industrialist, Mr Alexandre Souto, in Lisbon on Saturday night. A spokesman said he had been shot for his alleged responsibility for the death of a "revolutionary worker" from injuries a year ago.—Reuter.

Britons killed

TWO British film men — production manager, Mr Brian Coates and designer, Mr Richard Dawking — and their American pilot died when their plane crashed in central Morocco. The plane was being used for location reconnaissance for the 20th Century Fox film "Jewel of the Nile." — Reuter.

Mafia buster

THE prefect of Naples, Mr Riccardo Boccia, aged 63, has been named to succeed Mr Emanuele de Francesco in one of Italy's toughest crime-fighting jobs, high commissioner to coordinate the battle against the Mafia.

Birds replay

IN a real-life replay of Alfred Hitchcock's film The Birds, flocks of cockatoos have begun attacking the Sydney suburb of Woronora and devouring houses, making them virtually uninhabitable. Residents say they are eating wooden tiles, railings and wall cladding. — Reuter.

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Numeiri cools to radical Islam

From Ed Hooper in Khartoum

In the wake of the dismissals and detentions of members of the Muslim Brotherhood two weeks ago, President Jafar Numeiri seems to be moving further away from the more radical aspects of Sharia Law which was implemented in September, 1983.

Yesterday, the President again attacked the Brotherhood, by ordering the revision of all verdicts and sentences passed by courts previously controlled by Brotherhood members.

The sentences handed down by the decisive justice courts between April and October, 1984, included many which are incapable of revision, such as death penalties, amputations and lashings. The President's most recent statement is therefore being seen as merely cosmetic, to restore public confidence.

Last week amid new appointments to the Government and judiciary, the President promoted two of his closest spiritual advisers, Awad al Geed and Abu Gorun, to the posts of Attorney-General and Minister for Legal Affairs.

"They would much prefer to be in the palace, rather than out on the front line," claimed one political observer. The two men are members of the Sufi order, a mystical Islamic sect, and have apparently been removed from the presidential palace to an office in northern Khartoum.

In other changes, the moderate former prime minister, Mr El Rashid al Tahir Bakr, was made the third vice-President (in charge of political and legal affairs), and General Abdel Rahman Sowar Eddahab became Defence Minister and commander-in-chief of the armed forces — posts previously held by President Numeiri himself.

The latest appointments, and the demise of the Muslim Brothers, has been greeted enthusiastically, but the problem of big price increases remains.

Twelve days ago, petrol prices went up by between 60 and 66 per cent, and diesel fuel by 75 per cent without official announcement. Yesterday's 33 per cent rise in bread prices was also down-played with a paragraph in the Government paper, Sahafa.

Ethiopia increases austerity

Addis Ababa: In a bid to reduce outlays of foreign currency, Ethiopia announced yesterday a series of measures to save on imported fuel.

A proclamation published by the Marxist Government yesterday tightened fuel rationing, banned Sunday driving and restricted government vehicles to official business only.

Reports on the proclamation by the state-owned news media said the latest austerity measures were forced on the Government because of a drain of scarce foreign exchange reserves.

A government statement said these reserves had to be built up through the sacrifices by the people.

The proclamation empowered traffic police to stop and check whether government cars were being improperly used and to check on Sunday drivers.

No mention was made of diplomats, United Nations employees or aid agency officials, many of whom are involved in a massive effort to alleviate famine among an estimated nine million people. But government sources who requested anonymity said that restrictions would be announced soon on the size of vehicles permitted by the Government.

Earlier this year, the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu Haile Marian, unveiled new curbs on foregin currency spending by rationing petrol and banning the import of luxury items.

The latest measures coincided with reports from Western diplomats that the Government has fallen behind in its payments for oil to the Soviet Union — Ethiopia's main ally.—AP.

Chad 'under new threat'

Lome: The President of Chad, Mr Hissene Habré said yesterday that Libya was reinforcing its positions in the North of his country, but that many southern dissidents had rallied to the N'Djamena Government this year.

He told reporters here that Libya had amassed 7,000 troops in the North, and had installed aircraft, tanks and air defence equipment.

"The Libyan occupation is for us very serious and worrying. The reinforcement continues," he said

Mr Habré, in Togo for a meeting on the future of the African airline Air Afrique, added that Libya was building a 4,000-yard runway which would be finished in a month or so and on which aircraft of all sizes would be able to land.

"The presence constitutes a grave danger for Chad and Africa," he said.

Tehran halts civilian attacks as Iraq hits two oil tankers

Iran 'may be paving way' for end to Gulf war

Boston: The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, has said that a speech by the Ayatollah Khomeini may indicate he is ready to end the war with Iraq.

Mr Shultz's comments appeared in the Boston Sunday Globe as shipping sources confirmed that Iraq had hit another two tankers in the Gulf and Iran said that attacks on Iraqi towns would be halted.

Ayatollah Khomeini, in the speech delivered on Thursday before civil and military officials in Tehran, said that the most important thing for Muslim believers is not victory or defeat but whether they do God's will.

Mr Shultz said the speech has "the possibility of saying that the Iranians can say they have done their duty because they've made a major effort."

However, he added: "I don't want to be put down as concluding that's so. I just don't know."

Ayatollah Khomeini said: "Victory or defeat loses any meaning, because serving God and obeying his orders is all victory. . . even if we are defeated or not defeated. . . it makes no difference."

"God has said that we should go and cut off the hand of the oppressor," the Ayatollah said, refetring to the Iraqis. "We go and as much as we are able and have the power, we cut off the hands of the oppressors.

"If we cannot do this, we have done our duty anyway."

In Bahrain, shipping sources said yesterday that two oil tankers were hit in apparent Iraqi air attacks south of Iran's main Kharg island oil terminal. The ships were the 30,380-ton Maltese motor tanker, Eastern Star, and the 126,469-ton Italian supertanker, Volere, initially identified as the Bolero.

Both were hit in the northern Gulf about the time Iraq said that its warplanes had attacked two "large naval targets," a term it often uses to designate oil tankers.

A distress call requesting assistance was sent out by the Eastern Star, saying that the engine room of the 21-year-old ship was taking in water 80 miles south-east of Kharg.

The Volere, built in 1975, which was nearer to Kharg when hit, was believed to be on fire.

The strikes were the 20th and 21st confirmed hits this year on merchant vessels by Iran and Iraq as part of their four-and-half year war. The last confirmed hit was an Iraqi attack on Wednesday on the Iranian supply ship, Bargir, in which six crew were believed to have died.

The attacks followed an Iranian statement yesterday that it was halting air and artillery strikes on Iraqi cities in an effort to de-escalate the war against civilian areas which had flared up over the past three weeks.

Iran said, however, it would resume attacking "with full force" if Iraq hit Iranian towns, merchant ships in the Gulf, or caused problems to civilian air traffic.

The speaker of Parliament, Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani, said earlier that Iran would shell the southern Iraqi port of Basra in retaliation for attacks on tankers.

"We have stopped for the time being missile attacks and air raids on Iraqi cities and as of last night discontinued the shelling of Basra," the War Information Headquarters said yesterday in a statement, just hours before the Iraqi strikes in the Gulf.

The statement made no mention of Iraq's threat to attack Iran's oil refinery town of Ahwaz and its warning to the 1 million inhabitants to evacuate the city.

The spiralling strikes on civilian targets began three weeks ago when Iraqi aircraft bombed an unfinished nuclear plant at Bushehr on the Gulf and a steel pipemaking plant at Ahwaz.—AP/Reuter.

Hussein sees a final opportunity for peace

Madrid: King Hussein of Jordan, who starts a four-day state visit to Spain today, was quoted yesterday as describing his Middle East peace efforts as the lasf chance for a settlement.

He said in an interview with the newspaper, El Pais: "This is the last chance to realise the dream of peace. There is almost no time left. Hardly a few months."

The monarch reaffirmed his support for Iraq in its war with Iran and restated his condemnation of Islamic fundamentalism. "Atrocities perpetrated in the name of Islam have nothing to do with religion, and this includes continuing a war that has already caused enormous damage and misery."

King Hussein said that his talks with King Juan Carlos and the Prime Minister, Mr Felipe Gonzalez, would cover the possible establishment of diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel.

"Spain is free to act according to its wishes . . . but there could be an adverse reaction in the Arab world," he said.

After ending their visit on Thursday, King Hussein and Queen Nour will make a private trip to Lanzarote in the Canary Islands.—Reuter.



Furious Falashas: angry Ethiopian Jews march in Jerusalem yesterday in protest against a requirement laid down by the Chief Rabbi that they undergo a symbolic conversion upon arriving in Israel

US completes airlift of Falashas

From Michael White in Washington

The secret American airlift of 700-800 Ethiopian Falasha Jews from Sudanese refugee camps to Israel may have completed the evacuation of virtually all those Falashas not still inside Ethiopia who number an estimated 8,000.

Given regional sensitivity on the issue, officials of the Reagan Administration were continuing to say nothing publically about the airlift yesterday. But the announcement that President Numeiri of the Sudan, whose Islamicisation programme has led to tensions with Washington, would visit the United States for medical attention and a meeting with President Reagan on April 1, is unlikely to have been a coincidence.

The Vice-President, Mr George Bush, recently met the Sudanese leader during his African visit and urged Mr Reagan to support an evacuation when he returned last weekend.

Officials privately deny that the visit was conditional on the airlift, but one was widely quoted as saying: "It was obviously convenient for President Numeiri to win some points on the Falashas." Discrepancies about the figures still surround reports emanating from Jewish and Administration sources here.

When the original airlift of the supposed lost tribe of Israel was aborted by premature publicity in early January an estimated 3,000-4,000 Falasha refugees were said to have been left behind in the camps, a figure later reduced to 1,500. Death by famine and disease as well as escape by other means and earlier over-estimates were offered as explanations.

In the event, far fewer than the originally planned 16, C-130 transport planes were required to complete the three-day operation, ending last Friday, and reported next day by a Los Angeles Times correspondent there. The exercise was partially funded through resettlement and transportation aid given to Israel nd directed by the CIA with State Department and US Air Force assistance.

President Numeiri reportedly insisted on secrecy and upon the refugees not going directly to Israel. They were given visas to Europe, but actually taken from Sudan's Gedarel airstrip to the Israeli air base at Rimon.

Nick Cater adds: Operation Moses was launched last year when refugee officials in Khartoum realised that thousands were dying en route to the Sudan or in overcrowded camps. Nearly 4,000 Falasha died, according to sources in Khartoum, before agreement for the airlift could be reached between Khartoum, Washington and Tel Aviv.

Israel rejects two-stage talks

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

Israel is "utterley opposed" to beginning Middle East peace negotiations by talks between the United States and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, said yesterday.

Mr Peres told ministers at the weekly cabinet meeting here that Israel was willing to hold direct talks with such a delegation, without the participation of the PLO "at any place and at any time".

But Israel was opposed to a delegation being invited to the US a cabinet communiqué said, "because the aim of this proposal is to reach a prior, mutually agreed position which would be imposed on Israel".

President Reagan said last week that the US would be prepared to meet a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in Washington, provided again that it did not include PLO representatives. The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, however, has since appeared to move away from that position.

Mr Shultz said on Friday, after a meeting with the Jordanian Foreign Minister, Mr Taher al-Masri: "The possibility of visits here is one thing, but the parties are really in the Middle East, so I think that's where the action most likely will be."

Mr Peres, according to yesterday's statement, "stressed that the United States was also opposed to such a preliminary meeting."

The Assistant US Secretary of State, Mr Richard Murphy, is expected to visit Jordan soon to continue exploratory talks on the possibility of developing the peace process.

Reports from Amman yesterday said that Jordan and the PLO were discussing the formation of a joint delegation to hold talks with the US. An official, but unnamed, source was quoted as saying that the Jordanian side would be led by Mr Taher al-Masri and the Palestinians by Professor Walid Khalidi of the American University of Beirut. Professor Khalidi is not a member of the PLO.

Systematic torture in Turkey alleged

By Liz Thurgood

The human rights situation in Turkey was condemned yesterday as "appalling" by two playwrights who conducted their own investigation.

Mr Harold Pinter who went to Turkey with the American, Arthur Miller, said in London yesterday that torture there was systematic, not accidental, as the military regime maintained. He put the number of political prisoners at 20,000.

Mr Pinter was speaking after a week-long visit, sponsored by the international writers association, Pen, during which he met writers, academics and intellectuals. The two men presented their conclusions to a press conference in Istanbul on Friday, before flying out.

The Turkish Government reacted angrily to the visit. All reference to the press conference in the Turkish media was banned by military decree and an investigation into their conduct while in Turkey is believed to have begun.

While in Turkey both men uged their respective ambassadors to press their governments to take action. A report, yet to be written, will be sent to Amnesty International and the British and US governments, Mr Pinter said.

Central to the two men's visit were trials now underway involving 1,400 trade unionists and members of the Turkish Peace Association. Mr Pinter described prison conditions as "very bad"

The two playwrights were particularly critical of the Turkish legal system, under which people may be held 45 days incommunicado. It was during such periods that "torture is systematically practised," Mr Pinter claimed.

A method favoured by the Turks, Mr Pinter said, was electric torture of the genitals. Prisoners are hung up-side-down for long periods and vicious beatings are commonplace, he claimed.

The two men condemned the US attitude to Turkey. Strategically important to Nato. Turkey receives more than $750 million from Washington annually.

Gemayel returns to Beirut fighting

Beirut: President Amin Gemayel flew back yesterday from short meetings with his Syrian and Cypriot counterparts to a fresh outbreak of fighting.

Security sources said the army closed two crossings between Christian East Beirut and the mainly Muslim West, for at least six hours because of sniping.

One person was wounded by a rifle-fired grenade that hit a West Beirut police post when fighting flared in the afternoon.

Rival militias and army units clashed overnight with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades in the ruins of the old city centre. Four hours of continuous firing at the height of the battle were the heaviest for months.

President Gemayel flew back from the Cypriot port of Larnaca by helicopter after a one-hour meeting with President Spyros Kyprianou, Beirut Radio said.

The two leaders discussed relations between their countries and the divisions in both states. President Gemayel thanked Mr Kyprianou for "the facilities Cyprus had been providing during Lebanon's crucial hours", Cyprus Radio reported.

When Beirut airport is closed because of fighting, Lebanese travel 125 miles by boat in order to use Larnaca airport. Many Lebanese also live in Cyprus because of the civil war.

President Gemayel spent the night in Larnaca after a five-hour meeting in Damascus with the Syrian President, Mr Hafez al-Assad, their sixth meeting since President Gemayel took office in 1982.

Government sources said President Gemayel wanted to prevent any armed intervention by Syria to crush a March 12 revolt by young Christian militia officers. They took over the "Lebanese Forces" militia, which is dominant in Christian area north-east of Beirut, and was previously controlled by Gemayel loyalists.

A Syrian presidential spokesman said Mr Assad spoke out against any move that might serve Israeli interests and impede Lebanon's progress toward reconciliation. Syria wants Lebanon's Christians to make political concessions to the Muslim majority.

Beirut newspaper reports said President Gemayel asked Mr Assad for two months in which to neutralise the revolt without resort to arms.

It was announced in Tel Aviv yesterday that Israel is withdrawing its women soldiers from Lebanon, because of the cost of ensuring their safety.

Military officials said that the women, who have been doing office work for the army in parts of south Lebanon under Israeli control, would continue their jobs in Israel.

They have been flown to and from their home bases by helicopter to ensure they do not come under guerrilla attack and the army has decided the flights are too expensive. Reuter.

China seeks return of shoot-out boat

Peking: China is negotiating directly with South Korea for the return of 13 surviving crewmen and a navy torpedo boat that drifted into South Korean waters after a shootout with other Chinese Navy vessels left six crewmen dead.

A US embassy source said here yesterday that the talks apparently were being conducted in Hong Kong, where China often is represented by the official Xinhua news agency.

China, a close ally of North Korea, has no diplomatic relations with South Korea but a gradual thaw between the two countries has been underway since 1983.

The Chinese originally contacted the South Koreans through Hong Kong when the 45-ton attack craft disappeared on Friday and drifted into South Korean waters.

When towed into a South Korean harbour, the boat was found to have six dead and two wounded crewmen.

On Saturday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry asked South Korea to return the boat and crew "in an appropriate way . . . as soon as possible."

Seoul demanded an apology for the intrusion into its waters by three Chinese naval vessels pursuing the torpedo boat.

Peking said that the vessels "inadvertently" entered the area, and left without incident as soon as they discovered their mistake.

The US embassy source said that it remained unclear whether there was an attempted defection or if, as South Korea has said, the deaths were the result of a "scuffle" with no political motive.—AP.

Gandhi announces plan to rebuild the Punjab

New Delhi: In an attempt to calm tensions in two of India's trouble spots, the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, made his first visit to the northern state of Punjab at the weekend and toured the riot-hit western city of Ahmedabad.

Amid tight security, Mr Gandhi flew into Punjab for a visit seen as the latest move aimed at easing tension between the authorities and Sikhs, most of whom live in Punjab.

At a village close to the Pakistan border, he told a meeting of about 30,000 people, mainly Sikhs, that the Government was prepared to discuss any demands within the framework of the Constitution. But he avoided direct references to the political problems of the state, where Sikhs have campaigned for two years for greater autonomy, announcing instead a series of measures to rebuild Punjab's economy.

Hundreds of troops in full battle readiness kept watch and everyone at the meeting went through security checks.

Mr Gandhi, sworn in hours after his mother was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards last October, has pledged to give top priority to the Punjab crisis.

Mr Beant Singh, a former Sikh minister in the Punjab state government, welcomed Mr Gandhi's relief package for farmers as coming at a most appropriate time. "These are big steps."

Mr Gandhi's Punjab visit followed a swift tuor of the worst hit areas of Ahmedabad, where at least 13 people died and about 100 were injured in a week of caste violence.—Reuter.

Pakistani MPs stand up to Zia

From Eric Silver in Islamabad

Pakistan's elected Members of Parliament are not going to make it easy for President Zia ul-Haq to go back on his promise to retore civilian democracy but they are subtle enough to know how far to resist without provoking a new military crackdown.

They have put up a spirited demonstration of independence in rejecting General Zia's nominee for speaker of the National Assembly, and elected Mr Syed Fakhar Imam, a 42-year-old newcomer to national politics, who was educated in England and America.

Yesterday they avoided confrontation with the President by giving his chosen Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, a unanimous vote of confidence (after wrangling for two hours over whether it was constitutionally proper to do so). The main appeal of Mr Junejo, who is widely believed to have been General Zia's second preference, is that he is a member of the Muslim League, the biggest party in the new Assembly, and is expected to fight for legalisation of parties.

Mr Junejo, aged 52, comes from Sind Province — one of the few politicians there who did not join the People's Party under the executed former prime minister, Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. He is a former minister for railways.

The Prime Minister told reporters after his appointment that he would announce his Cabinet in stages, but as soon as possible. Ministers would be chosen on merit, not only on party lines. They would be "competent, dignified and sober people."

Political parties, he insisted, were essential in the Assembly. The only question was the timing of their revival. Mr Junejo also undertook to press for the early release of political prisoners. Hundreds of opposition leaders and activists detained before last month's elections have not yet been freed.

Asked how effective a prime minister he could be while martial law was still in force, Mr Junejo replied: "Soon you will see how effective and powerful I am." This remains the key question, however.

The constitutional changes that President Zia proposed after the elections strengthened his own authority and curtailed that of parliament and the question as to whether the general means to share power remains unanswered.

After being sworn in on Saturday for another five-year term, he reiterated that martial law would be lifted as soon as the new political order took form root, but he was still setting no date.

The MPs are in no mood to be treated as a rubber stamp for the junta, which has ruled since Mr Bhutto was overthrown in 1977. An overwhelming majority (76 out of 91) who answered a questionnaire from the Urdu daily paper, Jhang, supported the immediate lifting of martial law.

They were more cautious with regard to General Zia's constitutional amendments (59 in favour to 28 against), and paid lip service to his Islamicisation programme — 77 to nine. The new MPs are not men and women of straw, but are not going to fight General Zia to the death.

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South Africa's legal suppression machine

OUT OF COURT

Geoffrey Bindman

THE SOUTH AFRICAN Government is once again poised to embark on a major treason trial, this time in an attempt to suppress the United Democratic Front, which is the most successful coalition of black and non-racial opposition groups to emerge since the banning of the African National Congress in 1960.

On February 19, the homes and offices of a number of UDF leaders were raided and several were detained. Eight prominent members had already been charged with high treason last December, including five of the six men whom the British government had allowed for some weeks to take refuge in the Consulate at Durban. Sixteen have now been charged and are next due to appear before the court on Friday.

Those arrested include two co-presidents of the UDF, Archie Gumede and Albertina Sisulu (wife of Walter Sisulu); Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Sisa Njikelana, general secretary of SAAWU; George Sewpersadh, president of the National Indian Congress; and Essop Jassat, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress. The last three organisations are prominent affiliates of the UDF.

The UDF national executive committee has issued a considered response to the arrests and charges in which it points out that the UDF has constantly called, since its inception, for a peaceful solution to the South African problems.

Courageously, it has publicly accused the Government of instigating the trial in order to damage the effectiveness of the UDF. By smearing it as a subversive and violent organisation, the Government hopes to intimidate its supporters and, by imprisoning the leadership, to destroy its day-to-day operations. Nor dies the UDF have any confidence in the prospect of a fair trail for its leaders Their cynicism is well-grounded. Although the traditional trappings of legality inherited from the English Common Law and the Roman Dutch Law of Holland are still used in South Africa, the process is no more than a finely-tuned machine for suppression and punishment where the defendants are black politicians or their white supporters.

Parliamentary sovereignty prevails in South Africa, and the judges are constitutionally, if not morally, bound to carry out statutory instructions. Of course the African majority is excluded from Parliament and the judges are entirely white. With occasional expressions of regret, the judges have consistently implemented the most barbaric and cynical statutory provisions which fly in the face of international standards of human rights.

High treason is a Common Law offence carrying the death penalty. But in addition, the defendants are likely to be charged with a variety of offences under the Internal Security Act, including subversion and sabotage, and advocating communism (defined to include socialism). All the statutory offences are so widely defined as to embrace virtually any expression of opinion critical of Government policy.

Furthermore, the procedures under the Internal Security Act make anything approaching a fair trial impossible and the powers given to the security police give free rein to intimidation of defendants and witnesses. Under Section 29 of the Act, a person may be detained indefinitely if believed to be withholding information from the police about a security offence and need only be released when "the said person has satisfactorily replied to all the questions at the interrogation". No access to legal advice or family and friends is permitted until an arrested person is brought before the court and the court may not grant bail if the Attorney General objects.

This is precisely what has happened in the case of the sixteen now facing trial. Not only the accused themselves are subject to duress, but any witnesses whom the prosecution wish to call. The law allows detention of potential witnesses for the duration of the trial and allows detention of those who refuse to give evidence. Even after the trial, witnesses are often detained. In a trial at Kimberley which began in April 1981 and was continuing in late 1982, nineteen schoolboys were detained as potential witnesses for 18 months. Many were detained after the end of the prosecution case when they could no longer be called to give evidence.

Inevitably, as a result of interrogation and, undoubtedly, torture, confessions are common, and increasingly the evidence is provided by statements and admissions allegedly made by the accused. Press reporting of political trials is strictly monitored and evidence is frequently heard in camera (sometimes the whole trial). There is no proper legal aid and defendants often cannot obtain legal advice. Sentences are the sole responsibility of the presiding judge or magistrate and have become increasingly severe.

There have been nine death sentences in political cases since 1980, though only three have been carried out, and many lengthy sentences of imprisonment.

South African judges are, of course, chosen by the Government and are likely to have sympathy with Government policy. Yet even those who do not have done no more than make the occasional very mild protest. None has resigned. The political pressure on the legal profession is intense. In 1971, a Durban law professor asked in a public address whether the time had not come for judges to stand up in defence of the rule of law and to say something about the Terrorism Act (predecessor of the Internal Security Act) "which they must surely know to be an abdication of decency and justice." He was prosecuted and convicted on a charge of attempting to obstruct justice. The judge who tried his case said that "in a society such as ours," it was not for judges to take sides in public controversies.

It is surely not going too far to say that the now imminent treason trials are an elaborate sham. They are an attempt to dress up in the guise of fairness and justice a crude and brutal exercise of arbitary power. They have already been condemned by the United Nations, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and many other bodies. The Commonwealth Secretary - General, Sir Shridath Rampal, has said, "It is time for the rest of the world to put this evil system itself on trial for the highest treason against humanity." The British Government has, however, so far failed to grasp the real nature of the forthcoming trial.

When the first accused were charged, shortly after some of them had left the British Consulate in Durban, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in reply to a request in Parliment that representations be made: "They will at least be able to answer those charges in court. The South African courts have a healthy reputation for independence." Later he said "As is our normal practice, we shall consider the possibility of representations only when the legal processes have been completed."

The South African Government must be very pleased at their success in deceiving the British Government into treating their sham justice as if it were the genuine article.

The campaign against the trials, which is to be launched tomorrow, will be urging the British Government to change its mind and to join in the widespread demand for the unconditinal release of the sixteen, and indeed all other political prisoners in South Africa.

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FACE TO FAITH

Mark Corner

In bad taste

WHEN the IBA decided to ban The Life of Brian from appearing on television, for fear that it might give offence to Christians, it hardly provided evidence of the Authority's respect for the feelings of religious believers in general. For as was pointed out at the time, no one thought to ban Raiders of the Lost Ark on the grounds that an adventure film based upon the Ark of the Covenant might give offence to Jews.

Nor, one might suspect, when the subsequent Spielberg spectacular Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom comes up for screening, will there be many in the IBA complaining that this extravaganza of fire-belching "idols," human sacrifices and the stereotype sly orientals for whom all life is cheap, might be an insult to the culture and religious beliefs of the East.

Much of the Christian attitude to other religions in this country tends to represent a characteristic attitude of Western culture as a whole. A dismissive view of other cultures carries over into a dismissive attitude towards the religious associated with those cultures.

Such attitudes become particularly unfortunate in a multi-cultural society like our own, where they encourage a patronising or contemptuous attitude on the part of some British people towards others. Thus in spite of some praiseworthy efforts by both television and radio to describe the world's various religious traditions, it still tends to be the case that non-Christian religions are reserved for "newsworthy" items which are felt to be at best comical, at worst distasteful. Sikhism thus becomes a quarrel over whether a crash helmet can be worn without removing a turban, Islam a ritual killing of a sheep in a London street, and Judaism a controversial method of slaughtering cattle.

Items like this tempt the Christian to develop a self-image as a reasonable and pragmatic believer, not given to the fanatical excesses of "other religions," from which he or she feels automatically alienated. One of the ways in which this very patronising and one-sided attitude could be combatted would be by a determination on the part of the media to show Sikhs, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists in their everyday life and worship, and not simply in some headline-catching situation.

Could not television's Songs of Praise, for instance, for once depart from all those plummy voices in suits and skirts singing Christian hymns and present, for example, the festival of Janamashtami at which British Hindus welcome the newborn Krishna with songs, sweets and dancing Or could not Harry Secombe's Highway lead him a little more often in the direction of a synagogue or a mosque

Nor, perhaps, should Christians underestimate the extent to which Christianity might appear just as "irrational" or "superstitious" to a Hindu as Hinduism might at first sight appear to a Christian. Hindus reading the national press over recent months will have discovered that the major debate among Christians concerns the question of whether or not the woman who gave birth to God was a virgin. On closer investigation they will have discovered that Christians in fact believe that God to consist of three "persons", one of whom appeared to Mary and was in some sense responsible for her giving birth, one of whom was the child born, and one of whom remained apart from the action altogether.

In such circumstances, the Hindu might consider the Christian claim to rationality weak. Moreover Islam and Judaism have long and powerfully argued that Christianity, in its idea that God might become a human being, comprises the essential monotheism in which it claims to believe, and it is interesting to note that a number of Christian scholars appear to take a similar view today.

Rather than being superstitious alternatives to Christian belief, the ideas of other religions might actually furnish concepts which would be useful in Christian theology. But the main benefit would be a growth of tolerance through mutual understanding.

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Heed the cuckoos' cry

Peter Pulzer and Jim Reed

OXFORD, as we know, is less a serious place of teaching and research than an appendage of clubland, a sort of academic Ascot. So no one really expected it would refuse Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree. Least of all the Guardian, whose leader on the day called Oxford "the heartiest of Tory heartlands", and over-simplified further by saying the majority of the opposition were "scientists protesting at cutbacks in research funding".

This became a cliche of comments after the event, and a face-saver (as David Watt perceived in the Times, on January 31), distracting attention from wider discontent. At its crudest, it allowed the scientists' professional commitment to be presented as a self-indulgence of the privileged — medical research as a kind of higher port-drinking.

"Privilege" was in any case a handy all-purpose bludgeon against us. Oxford had nothing much to complain of itself, but also it was too different from other institutions to be able to speak on their behalf. The notion that privilege might carry responsibilities was too difficult for most commentators, though colleagues all over the country welcomed and accepted it. Of the pre-vote comments, only Paul Williams's Sunday Telegraph article (January 27) fully reported our declared concern for "the whole public education system, from the provision for the youngest child up to the most advanced research programme", and the paper used a facsimile of our declaration at the head of his piece. This at least put in perspective the charge of "coarse-grained vindictiveness" in the same day's leader.

Inevitably, there were cruder charges than that of scientific self-indulgence. The Times leader ("an exercise by militantly left-wing dons"), in common with one of the more credulous locals interviewed on the streets by the Oxford Mail and Lord Beloff in the Daily Telegraph (a well-organised coup by the political Left), smelled conspiracy. The Sun revealed the suddenly discovered outrage of what we all earn and what (little) we do for it, not to mention our well-known penchant for sexually harassing our pupils; all of which would presumably not have mattered if we had only voted the other way.

Even the Times could not claim that all 738 of us were militant leftists. The rest were "*apparently* more respectable support." The reason?. All the alleged cuts in education funding were an optical illusion. Spending on universities and schools had in fact *increased* since Mrs T took office.

Figures, we soon discovered, were the central feature of the Government's news management. Cuts that had been pursued, determinedly executed and officially reported would now be publicly denied. The Newspeak of 1984 is backed by the Newcount of 1985.

That was the basis of the tenpoint briefing distributed by the Whips' Office to Conservative MPs for use in their weekend speeches, as of the figures quoted in the Congregation debate by Dr Shrimpton, tutor in English at Lady Margaret Hall, and repeated by him in his article in the Times on February 2. Indeed, the whips' memo corresponds almost verbatim with an article by the Daily Express's education Correspondent on the day of the debate itself. All the figures in this counter-offensive share two features. They compare current expenditure with 1979-80 only, that being the one year with which 1984-85 compares favourably (by one per cent). Compared with any year since then expenditure on education and science is down and it is scheduled to drop by a further 7.7 per cent by 1987-88. Secondly, they do not correspond with those in the Government Public Expenditure White Paper or DES publications and express expenditure in 1984-85 prices, a basis not used in official publications.

We wrote to the Times pointing this out and asking for chapter and verse for their figures. The letter was not published, but the editor replied that the figures came from Department of Education and Science, which gets us nowhere.

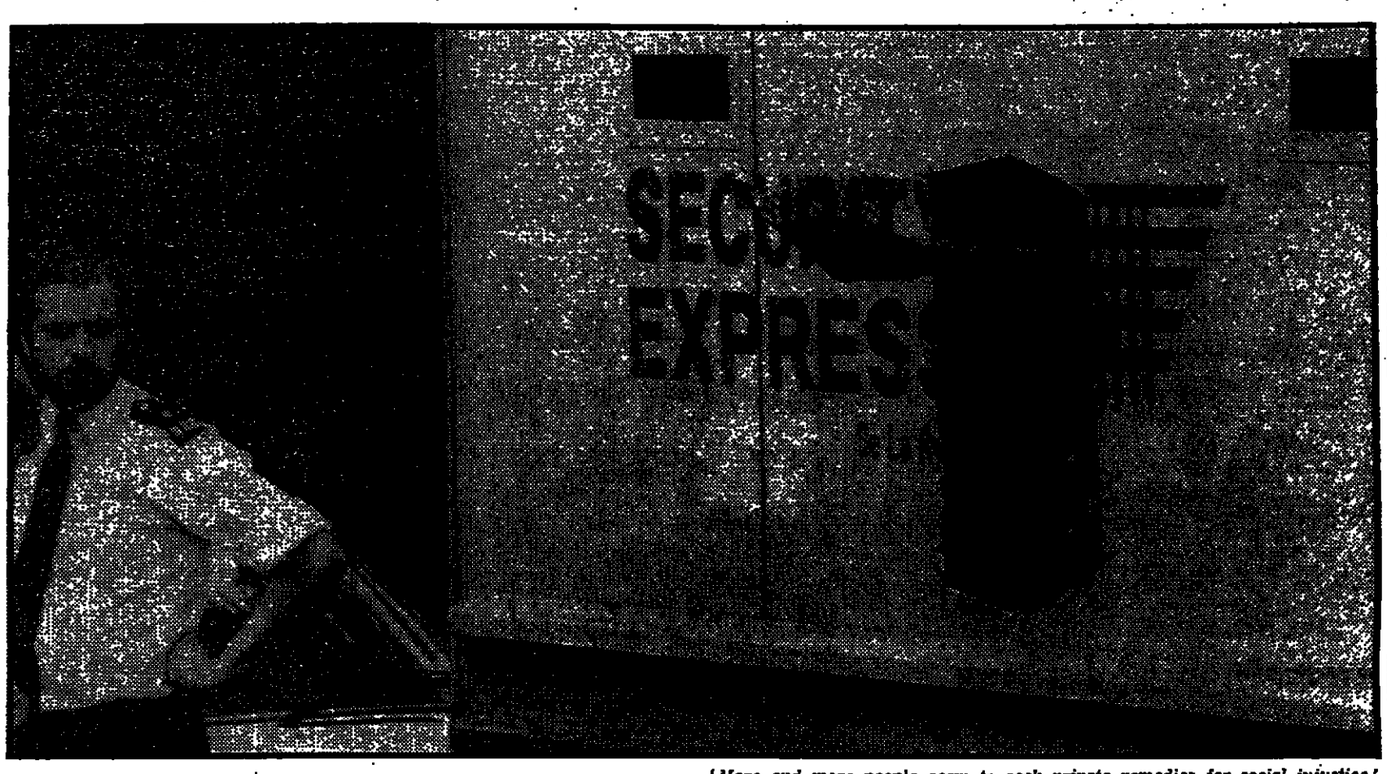
Letters were sent to John Patten, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, and to Peter Brooke, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the DES, asking the same question. A reply from Peter Brooke gave no indication that the figures as printed in the newspapers had a DES source. The only newspapers that noticed something fishy about the figures were the Observer (Judith Judd, February 3), and the Times Higher Education Supplement which, in its editorial of February 8, talked of a "calculated campaign of disinformation." No-one from the Department has commented on these charges, but parliamentary written asnswers have in any case put paid to Newcount. Mr Brooke told Harry Greenaway on February 6 that figures on university expenditure were not comparable from year to year "because of various funding changes." Sir Keith Joseph told Giles Radice on February 11 that he could supply figures only on the basis of 1983-84 prices, as "a deflator for 1984-85 is not yet available." Was there something the court journalists knew that the Secretary of State did not?

This technique, barely adequate for the pro-education constituency, would not do for the cutters, who, like Digby Anderson in the Times (February 6), place universities in the queue for handouts. We cannot be treated as an investment, because we have never contributed anything to the country or its economy. This is the — unsubstantiated — Thatcherite line that Hugo Young analysed in the Guardian on February 4, perceptively demonstrating how the dons had been "politicised against their will." Only he and David Watt asked what was the place of education as a value in that particular ideological world.

There has been a rash of questions in Parliament; there was an excellent Panorama programme; the topic came up on Radio 4's Any Questions and the cuts in the research budget surface more and more frequently in the more serious radio and television discussions, and have featured in several minority but influential publication.

Perhaps all that would have happened anyway. After all, we did not create the anxiety about education cuts, we responded to it. But we hope that we gave the anxiety some publicity and the discussion some focus, so that in the end a more informed public opinion and a less short-sighted Government policy may emerge. That, at any rate, was the intention.

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'More and more people seem to seek private remedies for social injustice'

The society which offers hope on the underworld lottery

JEREMY SEABROOK

KEEN observers will have notics how the crusade of the Conservative Party against crime has become markedly less fervent after six years in power. This fading ardour has a cause that goes far beyond the inability of the party of law and order to reduce crime, a cause more unavowable than mere broken electoral promises. The growing number of indictable offences over the years is the oblique tribute of the dispossessed to the values of capitalist society; and this is a development not entirely unwelcome to those who like to project themselves as the staunchest defenders of property.

The fact is that there seems to be a direct relationship between the increase in robbery, theft, burglary, and fraud on the one hand, and the decay of political radicalism on the other. If this is true, it renders crime, not the blight on our national life which it is commonly represented to be, but rather an uncovenanted and discreet ally in the maintenance of social and political control.

It would, of course, be fanciful in the extreme, to link the electoral deliquescence of the Labour Party to rising crime figures in a simple casual way; and yet these apparently discrete phenomena are aspects of one and the same thing, of which sophisticated Tories are, no doubt, aware. In this way the fretting and fuming of the Conservative Party about law and order is to the Right the equivalent of the Left's adherence to Clause Four in the Labour Party: both an expression of faith and cause for sonorous incantation, but of little practical consequence.

The tendency of the Left, when it can bring itself to adress the issue at all, is to ascribe crime to "deprivation"; but the very vagueness of the ascription betrays a diffidence not unconnected with the fact that the Left, like crime, is also in the business of offering specifics for deprivation: and there is a perhaps understandable reluctance to acknowledge crime as a sort of political rival on the Left, just as it would never be invoked publicly as a political friend by the Right.

But it is quite clear that more and more people seem ready to seek private remedies for social injustice rather than to wait for a Labour government to do it for them. Crime against property is principally an individual response to collectively imposed miseries; and it is a measure of the decaying credibility of collective answers to these visitations that certain sections of the poor — essentially the able and vigorous poor, not the defeated and frightened — make their own accommodations with political reality. It should scarcely surprise us if so many individuals endeavour to better themselves by means of an extensive and imaginative range of private, even furtive, enterprise; enterprise which mirrors — and indeed, sometimes merges with — more legitimate and socially approved versions of the same thing.

The political significance of crime is not to be read in the social-breakdown and lost moral values rhetoric of the Right, any more than in the Left's blasd invocation of "deprivation." After all, in the 1930s, when conditions were far worse, there was only about an eighth of the number of indictable offences recorded in the early 1980s. Both Right and Left collusively pass over the real meaning, to the immense advantage of the existing order, which is that the only remedies for social injustice and poverty which appear available to the victims of these things are personal and "non-political" ones.

In other words, the poor show signs of believing what the Right has always claimed, that socially determined evils like poverty and unemployment are personal problems, which must be dealt with accordingly. And while it is no doubt unpleasant for the Right to hear of constantly rising crime figures, this shock is much mitigated by the agreeable prospect that these might serve as guarantor of a kind of social peace.

Thus, the Conservatives are obliged to tread a very delicate path: while they must not be seen to be incapable of controlling crime, nor must they betray the slightest glimmer of their delight in the realisation that crime is, after all, perhaps a tolerable price to pay for the maintenance of social order which, however damaging to individuals, leaves the system unscathed, untouched, as it were, by scandal.

On the Left there has been a tolerance, even a glorification of crime, and a consequent difficulty in living down a reputation for being "soft" or "half-hearted" about it." Erst kommt da Fressen, dann kommt die Moral," they may quote approvingly with Brecht, their sympathies perhaps still stirred by memories of the brutal penal code of the early industrial era. The truth that this picaresque idea neglects is that it is generally the poor themselves who are the victims of crime; the rich have, on the whole, learnt to protect themselves rather well. But what is more important for the Left, and therefore the object of one of its many taboos, is that contemporary patterns of crime illustrate perfectly the in-turned nature of a kind of popular radicalism which Left-wing parties have such difficulty in making politically explicit.

Crimes against money and property are in themselves a reaction of market-distributed rewards. Those who are excluded from the vast material benefits of rich western societies are well aware that the elaborate ideological fictions of merit and reward bear no more relation to the imputed worthlessness of themselves than they do to the moral qualities attributed to the rich.

Furthermore, they know what those social scientists who have been at pains to prove that relative deprivation governs our expectations have neglected to point out: that in a culture in which the most insistent and widely diffused images are of extreme opulence, anything that falls short of them feels, by contrast, like deprivation.

This helps, incidentally, to explain why the very rich are always talking about all the things they can't afford: why the well-off feel that they are on the brink of beggary; and the comfortably provided-for claim to live like church mice: in the ubiquitous presence of images of luxury and perfection, all humanity is dwarfed and belittled.

And who is to judge better than the poor the workings of a society which claims to be a meritocracy, but whose sweets are distributed in ways that suggest more than anything else the aleatory scatterings of the casino or gaming-house; so that life itself is seen as a lottery, and hope dwells in the lucky number, the winning combination, the smile of fortune, the big win, the rewards and prizes which rain down so randomly and so unfairly.

This is, of course, no new phenomenon; it is the contemporary version of unexpected legacies and changes of fortune, those arbitrary interventions of the philanthropist which must have offered hope to some of the most wretched in Victorian England. One thing the poor know with unshakeable authority is that the most fitting emblem of this society is not so much the meritocratic ladder as the wheel of fortune. In consequence, they quite naturally fail to discern the symmetry and wisdom in the present order of things; even though it is not its general overthrow that they seek.

Quite the reverse. It is up to the individual to seek his or her own salvation — and there is another ancient cultural tradition which has been deflected into some strange by-ways in our time. Indeed, this may help us to understand the spread of "criminal" behaviour, and at the same time explain why so many of the poor do not turn their hopeful gaze towards the Labour Party. In fact, Socialist promises, when compared with capitalist materialities, come to look as vague and unreliable as the pies in the sky of those other purveyors of salvation who ventured into the slum quarters of Victorian cities, proclaiming their stirring visions of a better world to windy street-corners and deserted tenement courtyards.

This is how crime, like other social ills, unemployment and poverty, is rendered "acceptable". What a modest price it must seem to those who preside so serenely over the present re-structuring of capitalism! What a vindication of civilised life it all must seem to them, that the only blood on the streets is not that shed by the goaded citizenry turning upon its oppressors, but is that of the weak and defenceless, robbed of a week's pension, attacked and humiliated for the sake of a few pounds in a purse.

And what an irony that this fatalistic acceptance of crime should contrast so starkly with the bitterness and anger directed against those who take a different stand against market forces. I mean, of course, the miners, and those who seek to resist those processes that threaten to dispossess them and their children of work. Scorned, reviled, taunted in the public media, they have been impoverished and forsaken, have lost their homes, sometimes their families, even their lives; have become dependent on relatives, friends, handouts and collections.

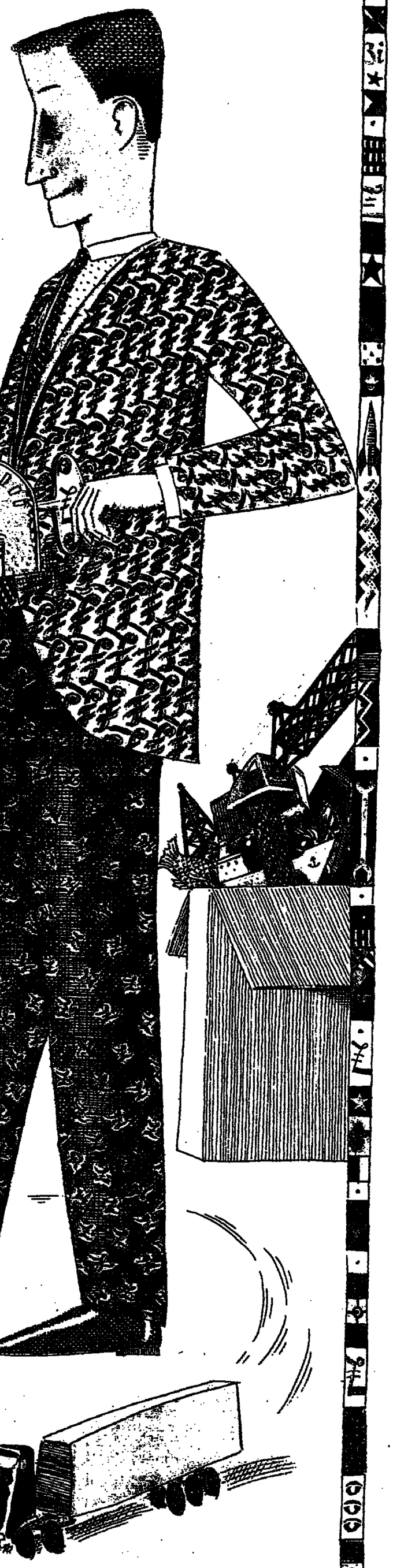
Those whose resistance to capitalist necessity has been far less honourable than their have also been better rewarded. After all, detection rates are sufficiently low, especially with the police away in force on the picket lines, to make the gamble of crime seem profoundly worthwhile. Of the miners, one not very successful crook said to me: "They must be bonkers — going through all that just so they can carry on working underground." Then he grinned and added: "I'm a bit of an underground worker myself, only they wouldn't catch me down a coalmine in a million years."

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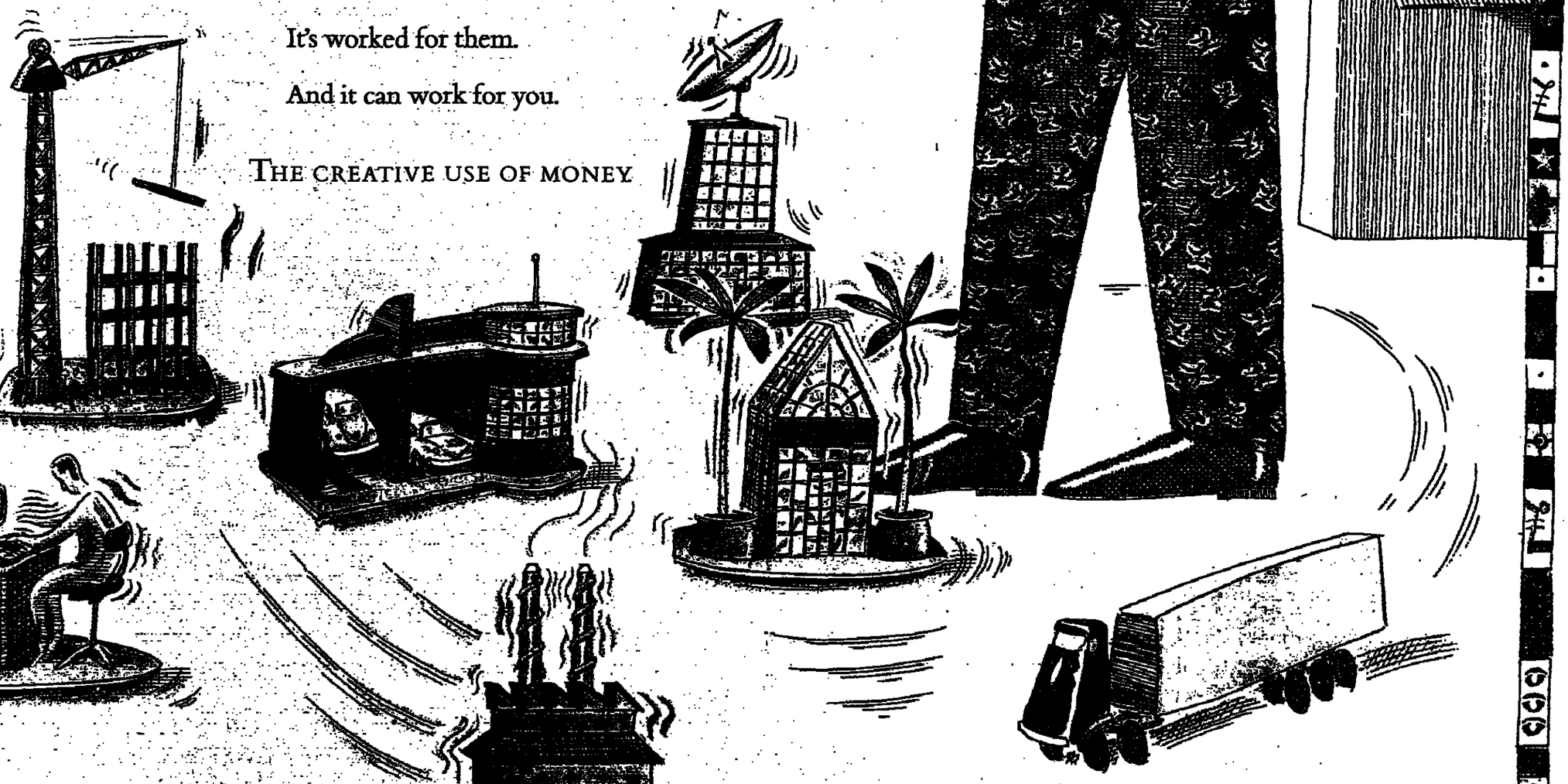
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Roy and Janice Jones: may never get the chance of a court hearing

Philip Jones was a healthy volunteer in the trial of a new drug. Now he is dead. This is his story



Polly Toynbee

PHILIP JONES died in July last year at the age of 21. He was a large, cheerful, Welsh medical student in his fourth year, a rugby player in the college team, a young man who had always wanted to be a doctor. His family had rejoiced at his admission to medical school, the crowning achievement of his successful school career.

He came from the small town of Llanelli in South Wales, where his mother is a ward receptionist in a geriatric hospital and his father an engineering worker.

Philip died six months after contracting aplastic anaemia, a disease that destroys the body's immunities. The onset of his illness came after participating in a drugs trial for Roche International. The drug Midazolam, had been administered to him twice. He had signed a consent form agreeing to take it orally, anally, intra-muscularly, and intravenously, under observation, one day a week, for five weeks.

I saw Philip when he was seriously ill in the Intensive Therapy Unit, at Cardiff's Heath Hospital, where he was a medical student. He was isolated in a sterile cubicle, with only one nurse, his parents and his fiancee allowed to visit him. I came across his case by chance when visiting the hospital, on the day he was going down to the operating theatre to have a Hickson line fixed into his chest. He had had so many drips and injections that there was no longer room in the veins of his arms and legs to administer further drugs, so he needed this permanently embedded tube in order to give him further treatment. The nurses in the ward talked about his bravery and determination but everyone knew that it was only a matter of time before he died of the multitude of infections besetting his body.

In a few weeks' time there will, at last, be an inquest into the cause of Philip Jones's death. Was Midazolam responsible for the illness that killed him? No one can prove beyond doubt that it was since aplastic anaemia can also occur naturally. Judgment will rest on the balance of probability.

Evidence will come from Dr Gordon-Smith, a leading haematologist at the Hammersmith Hospital, who treated Philip Jones at the time of his death. In his opinion, it is likely that his illness was related to the taking of Midazolam.

"The time lapse between the second exposure (to Midazolam) and onset of symptoms is what would be expected if Midazolam were the cause. The fact that he had been exposed twice to the drug also increases the suspicion that it may be implicated . . . Aplastic anaemia is a rare disorder (incidence about 13 per million of population per year) so that the coincidence of two rare events — taking part in a drug trial and the onset of a rare disease temporally related to this drug — being due to a chance seems less likely than to a causal relationship."

Professor Alan Richens is in charge of the department at the University of Wales medical school where Philip underwent the trial. A professor of pharmacology and therapeutics, he points out that Midazolam is closely related to Valium, and that the official data warns that Valium has been associated with blood displasias. He will be giving evidence about the particular drugs trial at the inquest.

On the other hand, according to Roche International, "There is no reason to think Midazolam causes blood displasia. There have been no other reports. No causal connection can be proved. Yes, it is closely related to Valium, but the relationship between Valium and blood disorders is no greater than the incidence of the disease in the general population."

The company would not comment on the evidence they would bring to the inquest, nor on whether the case had caused them to review any of their drug trial procedures.

In Britain there are no controls governing the trial of new drugs on healthy volunteers — the Committee on Safety of Medicines is only asked to grant a licence once a company needs permission for the drug to be prescribed to patients. No one monitors the number of trials taking place. There are no fixed guidelines, nor any authority responsible for overseeing the trials. Many thousands of people are involved each year — usually medical students, other students, and the poor. The sums paid are not large — Philip was getting only £70 for five full days — but they can make a difference to a low income.

Trials conducted in universities also provide valuable income from drug companies to hard-pressed university departments. Professor Richens says that half the income for his department comes from such outside funding. The trials in medical schools are vetted by the college's Ethics Committee, but those conducted by drug companies, or by special private drug testing companies, have their own Ethics Committees which are in no way independent, and are paid by the companies.

The testing of drugs on animals has been strictly controlled in Britain since 1876, and in response to recent public outcry, the Government, in a white paper, is promising still tighter control. But there are no laws or regulations governing the use of healthy humans.

As other countries tighten their laws, Britain and Ireland are becoming the test ground for the European drugs industry. A man who died in a drugs test case in Dublin last year was testing a German drug. The one Philip was testing was Swiss. In France no tests at all are allowed on healthy humans. (Most experts regard the French attitude as too stringent, and also too selfish, since it means the French depend on having their new drugs tested elsewhere).

There is now widespread concern about the lack of control or statutory regulation in Britain. The Royal College of Physicians has a working party looking into the question, and they will report next year. Meanwhile, the National Union of Students has called for a boycott of all tests until the Government provides proper safeguards.

Philip's parents, Roy and Janice Jones, dread the inquest, when they will have to listen again to the gruesome and harrowing details of the sufferings their son lived through in his last months. He was bleeding from the gums, mouth, nose and every orifice of the body, swollen with oedema, and with phlebitis in his arms and legs. His mouth had such large cold sores that he couldn't speak. He had both pleurisy and pneumonia, and he was very frightened indeed.

Will they take the matter further and sue Roche in the courts?

"We would like to feel he hadn't died in vain. We would like to have it proved that the drug did cause his death. We would like proper controls brought in for drugs trials," Philip's father says. But then, on the other hand, they wonder if they have the strength to drag out the agony of the memory of it all, in a court battle that could take years.

They feel bitter about Roche and about the university which conducted the trials.

"Luckily we had some savings which we used up on staying in a terrible bed and breakfast when Philip was in hospital in London for months, but we had no money, no help, no sympathy from Roche. We had to leave our younger son alone at home for months on end while we were with Philip. They were thoughtless, heartless. We would have liked to be able to afford more comforts for him before he died."

But how can a working class couple in Llanelli take on an international drug company like Roche? The harsh answer is that they can't. Roche only have to offer enough money paid into court or in an out of court settlement, and the legal aid fund will force the Jones family to take it.

But what is enough money for the loss of a child? In Britain we take the view that nothing will compensate parents for agony of the loss — so they get nothing, or almost nothing.

In other words, Roche would only have to pay a few thousand pounds into the court to be fairly sure that that would be the end of the matter. And they may try to prevent the case coming to court at all. Were they to make a much larger offer — which is usually given on the understanding that nothing more is said about the case — the Jones's solicitor would be obliged to advise them to accept. Settlement out of court would mean far more money than they could hope for later, and the legal aid fund would not pay for them to go to court simply to prove their case.

Mr and Mrs Jones would like parliament to take up their cause, and press for the introduction of statutory control of drug trials. It would be quite unfair for anyone to imagine they preferred to take the money than go to court, because the chances are, that being poor, they'll never get the chance of a court hearing.

An updated version of Our Bodies, Ourselves is out today. Sue Woodward talks to two members of the women's collective that produced it.

Ourselves as no others see us

WHEN Our Bodies, Ourselves first appeared in the United States in 1970, it had a revolutionary message for women: they, and not doctors or the health care system, had the right to control their bodies.

The book became a classic, selling 2½ million copies in the US and appearing in 12 foreign language editions in 13 countries, Britain included.

Today, 15 years later, a New Our Bodies, Ourselves has appeared (US only). It is a hefty, updated version of the early work, produced by the same 11 members of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective. But this time there are nine new chapters and contributions by more than 80 other writers. And although this alone is a testimony to the vigorous growth of the women's health movement over the past decade, it also pinpoints the fact that there is still much work to be done on the subject.

"I believe the need for this book is perhaps greater than at any point in the past," said Norma Swenson, at 53, the oldest member of the original collective. "When we wrote the first book, there wasn't a women's health movement to speak of, but there was a pro-feminist climate that made people hungry for this kind of information.

"At the time there was also a fairly broad attack taking place — and not just by feminists — on the medical establishment. Today the medical profession is more isolated and insulated than it's been for years, and government programmes which offered us safeguards, support and consumer participation have been stripped away. In this climate the tools we provide in the book seem to be needed as never before."

The New Our Bodies, Ourselves is still much as it was — a health-care reference book, a consumer advocate, a feminist bible. What has changed between the original and the new version is the emphasis. While the early work set out to uncover the "paternalism" and "sexism" of the medical establishment, and to demystify its jargon, the new version asks more probing questions — about the benefits to women of new treatments and the increasing numbers of alliances forged between medical research institutions and large profit-making drug companies.

The problem is that women don't understand how to take care of themselves

"The profit-making motive in medicine has escalated beyond all proportion," said Swenson. "Some of the alliances that exist today would have been unheard of ten years ago and we believe they have serious implications for women's health. What's more, less than 20 per cent of medical technologies now in use have ever been scientifically evaluated for evidence of their benefits. We think that's a stunning statistic."

This harsh thread of criticism of the medical profession is present throughout the book's 650 pages. A new section examines what the collective terms the "medicalisation" of women's lives — the intervention of health professionals into areas of life never before considered within their domain; areas such as sex, ageing and menstruation.

"Take premenstrual syndrome," said collective member Wendy Sanford. "We have to ask ourselves at what point does naming PMS as a problem for some women allow it to become the creation of a new disease, which doctors treat with drugs."

"Or menopause, which is surely a normal experience that every woman will go through," added Swenson. "The modern assumption that we need dangerous hormones to get through this life transition has masked the fact that there are preventive, natural ways women can deal with menopause."

Swenson believes that the problems connected with such conditions result from women's continued failure to understand how to take care of themselves — the importance of eating good food, of exercise and dealing with stress. The book — just as it did 15 years ago — offers many suggestions of alternatives to conventional medicine that it maintains can be safer and more effective.

We've included the voices of women who have never been listened to before

New chapters evaluate the latest "alternative" health methods, such as biofeedback, acupuncture, herbal medicine and visualisation. They also look at the most up-to-date information on environmental and occupational health, the pros and cons of psychotherapy and new reproductive technologies. Other new topics for discussion include violence against women, body image and a special section on women growing older.

"To our shame, we ended the first Our Bodies at menopause — as if there was no life after that!" said Swenson. "This time around, we've consulted many different sources — women in midlife, menopausal and elderly women, and we hope we've amended the omission."

It is the broadened scope of the new book that the collective feels is its greatest achievement.

"We've included the voices of women who've never been listened to before," said Sanford. "Older women, black women, disabled women, fat women — women from all different kinds of backgrounds and experiences. The exciting thing is that today, these women are all part of groups doing research, running clinics, taking part in some way in the women's health care network. They're what's been happening in the past 15 years, the proof of how much has changed and is going on. For us, that's what this book represents."

Vanity Fair

TURBLETON Church is harbouring refugees. It's been harbouring them for a couple of weeks now, and it can go on for months, even years. Home Office doesn't care. What's a couple more years after all this time? Home Office will get them in the end.

And Home Office has its allies. Outside, fascists have been marching about with petitions, demanding that our two refugees be sent home at once, and the other night, round the dark side of the church, vandals pushed a giant cross over, right out of its concrete, and Jesus, the ex-refugee, was left pale and sideways against the church wall.

Perhaps the vandals and fascists felt strongly, like our Home Office does, that Mr and Mrs Z. from Cyprus are not refugees at all. Real refugees arrived in 1974, just as the war ended, and ours were two years late, so they didn't count. Mr Z. had been conscripted into the army and they'd both stayed in schoolrooms and refugee tents for another year, and *that*, says our Home Office, means they'd Resettled. And as if that wasn't enough, they'd told lies.

The travel agency told them to do it, to say they had a business, home and money here, then they'd be let in, even if their passports said they came from a poor, small village in the occupied North. But that was in the days when Home Office didn't mind much and no one looked hard at passports.

What Mr and Mrs Z didn't know was that sometimes our Home Office doesn't mind *fibs, and sometimes it does.* Usually it doesn't mind a fresh little fib straight after a war, but then it mulls things over for a few years and suddenly wants to send the fibbers home.

It's not that our Home Office has been making people lie to come in so that it could call them liars later and then throw them out. It's because after the years of thought, Home Office finds that all its past little weaknesses, allowing hordes of the mendacious to enter our homeland, have clogged into a tremendous block in its psyche, which must be got rid of. And all this is a sort of emotional discharge to purge the spirit of our country.

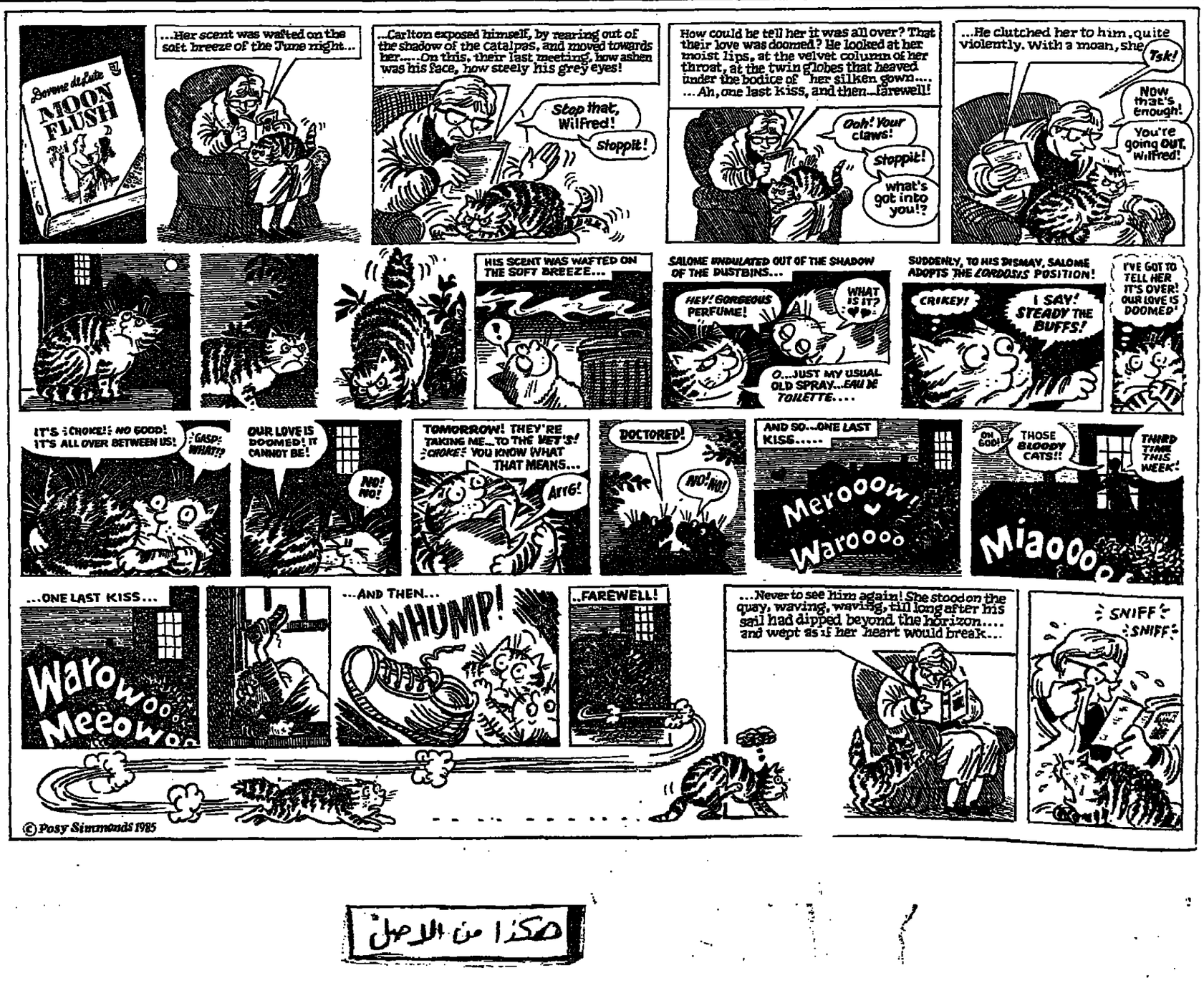
Anyway, Our Government knew that the war in Cyprus was only a squabble that would soon blow over, then the refugees could go home again. That's why it called them Displaced Persons and gave them three month visitors' permits, like a holiday.

It all confused the travel agents, who confused Mr and Mrs Z., who also weren't told that they'd need legal representation when appealing to the Home Office, so their appeals were turned down, even though they'd been good, worked hard, paid for their own doctors, and not sponged at all.

It might seem to them that Home Office Minister is heartless, a man of stone, but he is, in fact, a man frozen by fear. Let two stay, he may feel, then the flood gates shall open, the churches be packed with miscreants, and the country crammed with deceitful wanderers.

But so far, Home Office hasn't done too badly. Only 1,000 out of 10,000 pretend refugees from Cyprus are still in Britain, and Minister is determined to get rid of our two as well, because unlike the God in our church, Home Office Minister is a vengeful power, and in his book, they who have fibbed shall be sought out, and then they shall be punished, and punished and punished.

Michele Hanson



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Alex Hamilton reviews paperbacks

Life class

Elizabeth Bowen by Victoria Glendinning (1977, Penguin £3.95). Very composed and civilised portrait of a woman who had herself laid an elegantly polished veneer over the strong dark wood of her passions and intelligence. Elizabeth Bowen's background — long-established Anglo-Irish, in the physically uncomfortable but deeply loved Bowen's Court, or in happy exile with her mother in Hythe, ending in childhood griefs — produced a woman of expansive spirit and intellectual and emotional generosity, who yet believed in rigorous self-containment. The same contradiction that gives tension to her novels (The Hotel was the first, in 1927) and The Heat Of The Day (perhaps the best) produces some too in the reader of this graceful biography, because we are told more than we had guessed at, and yet are left wanting more.

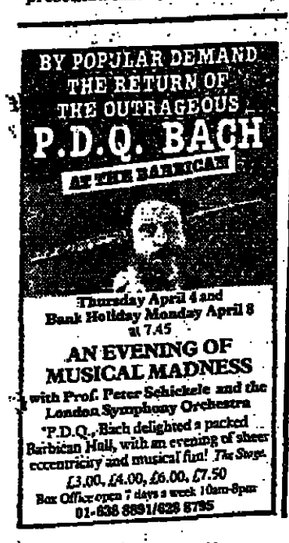
This is one of several titles in a relaunching of Penguin's series of literary biography, now in a larger format. For the first time in paperback are the above and **F. Scott Fitzgerald** by André le Vot (1983, £4.95); and with some reprints of **Ibsen** by Michael Meyer (1967 (£5.95) and John Keats by Robert Gittings (1968, £4.95).

The Europa Biographical Dictionary of British Women ed. by Anne Crawford et al (1983, Europa £9.75). Potted obituary notices of over 1,000, from the dread Queen of the Iceni to the hardly less formidable Dama Agatha. Whatever the principal purpose of devising a biographia restricted to one sex, it certainly has the incidental effect of winning space for some who have been shamefully neglected — many Aethelflads form the Dark Ages, for instance, and suffragettes from enlightened times, not to mention the Dora Jordans and Mary Cholmondeleys (entry next to Christie: "Red Pottage caused a scandal and made her a minor celebrity. . . . witty attack on clerical life"). The editors reflect ruefully on the shortage of records on many historical figures, leading to some imabalances

Dictionary of Biographical Quotations compiled by Frank S. Pepper (1985, Sphere £3.25). Did it cross Margaret Thatcher's mind, when she declared her aim of following the teaching of St Francis of Assisi, that he was an official wet? The quote from Jacobus de Boragine makes that clear, teling us that when Jesus spoke to him, "from that hour the soul of him liquefied." For provoking conceits of this kind this hodge podge of gossip and aphorism, about an entirely arbitrary catalogue of famous people, is fine to fritter an hour away with. It's not, however, to be taken seriously as reference. There's no subject index, either, so that the questions posed on the back cover, like "who invariably filled his hot water bottle with tea, which he drank the next morning?" remain rhetorical. And then, J. de Voragine — who he? We're only told that Caxton translated his Golden Legend in 1483.

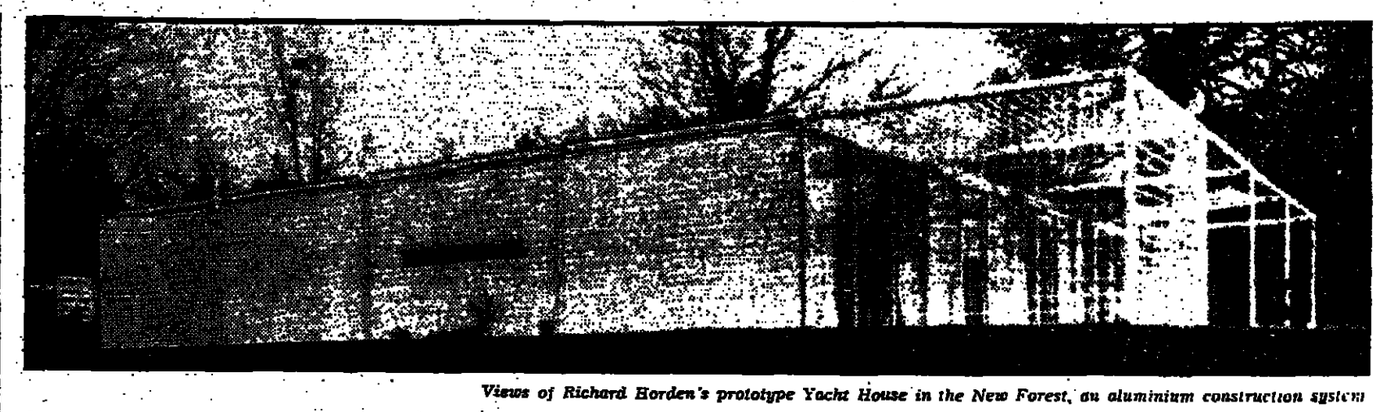
The 637 Best Things Anybody Ever Said quoted by Robert Byrne (1982, Sphere £1.75). They're not the best, which is my opinion, nor 637, which is fact, and I believe that the repetitions of Nietzsche's remark "Plato is a bore" after each Plato quote proves both. Byrne quotes himself too, and more often (13 times) than anybody else, with Wilde and Mark Twain (11 times each) as his second favourites. But you only have to read the two entries by Eisenhower, which is more often than he can have been quoted anywhere outside a school text book on syntactical howlers, to realise that it is not such a great honour to be included.

Balanchine's Festival of Ballet in two volumes by George Balanchine and Francis Mason (1978, Comet £5.95 each). Scene-by-scene descriptions (or abstracts of the choreographer's mood or theme, where there's no narrative) of 404 ballets, classical and contemporary, but very much more than a book for quick introductory reference. It contains Balanchine's commentaries and personal responses, plus notes on critical responses to particular presentations.



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Building becomes a racing craft

RICHARD Horden is 40 and has set up in architectural practice on his own after 10 years with Norman Foster "thinking of a dozen new things a day, every day."

Horden graduated from the Architectural Association in 1969 with a design for a steel-frame house set in a walled enclosure, and a dune buggy he had built himself. The house was built in 1974 for his parents in the Beverley Hills-like surroundings of Bournemouth's Branksome Park, where discreet suburban houses nestle in wooded three-quarter acre lots. It is a remarkable piece of work for a first building, possessing a Mies van der Rohe-ish calm in the style of the Farnsworth House, but influenced more directly by later Californian architects like Craig Ellwood and Charles and Ray Eames. It was this house, with its instant mastery of a genre not widely developed in England, that helped Horden get a job with Foster Associates, designers of the award-winning Willis Faber Dumas office building in Ipswich and the Sainsbury centre for the visual arts. The dune buggy was less successful: Horden drove it to a job interview with Sir Denys Lasdun, but the architect of the National Theatre announced that he had no need for a motor mechanic in his office.

Horden has "a healthy respect for automobile engineering. Even the wiring loom in a car is so difficult to integrate that wiring up a building bears no comparison." His mechanical bent extends from cars to metal fabrication in general. He has always been fascinated by sailing boats and other light, highly stressed structures, and pays great attention to the fixings and junctions on hang-gliders and microlite aircraft.

In a very Fosterian way he collects slides of such things and ponders their more general application. He describes his years with Foster as "the best school of architecture in the world" — because they taught him cross-cultural inspiration and expunged a typical architect's dread of the world of production engineering.

Richard Horden's own starting point for innovation in building was sailing his own Tornado catamaran. Just as Nick Grimshaw drew his inspiration for the mast structure that supports the New Oxford ice rink from the masts and rigging of the Cutty Sark at Greenwich, so Horden saw unexploited expertise and refinement in the architecture of the Olympic class Tornado. Designed twenty years ago by Reg White, and still a world leader, the boat consists of two long and elegantly shaped glassfibre floats linked by a pair of Proctor spars and a simple trampoline for the rider. In Olympic trim it will cost £12,000 and make more than 20 knots in a stiff breeze. Its mast, sails and rigging absorb enormous wind stresses and convert them into forward motion. You can take it apart and put it together in an hour — nothing rusts, nothing rots and nothing wears out. If it breaks you can replace the parts yourself, and it only breaks if you push it too hard.

What Horden has done is to take the strength, durability, ease of assembly and interchangeability of components of this racing multihull and apply them to housebuilding. "Yacht House," his prototype boat-technology dwelling hidden in a discreet New Forst site, is the fruit of a revolutionary collaboration between this idea and the massive technical know-how of Proctor masts, the multinational Alcan subsidiary whose elliptical aluminium extrusions handle the enormous stresses encountered by the ocean-going multihulls that compete in the Ostar, the Two Star, the Round-Britain and other famous long-distance yacht races.

The key element in this remarkable attempt at technology transfer is the wind frame, Horden's own patented rectangular open structure using stainless steel rigging wires for tension and aluminium spars for compression. Because the whole wind frame is assembled and tensioned with cables, bolts and bottlescrews like the mast of a yacht, it can be assembled at remarkable speed. The 270 square-metre Yacht House frame was erected in five hours, six minutes and eleven seconds by two people working off a pre-laid concrete slab.

Unfortunately the real problems of masthead architecture begin once the frame is up. To convert it into an envelope requires complete enclosure. Horden has made no attempt to convert a sail into a roof membrane, which could have been done by following the approach taken by Terry Farrell and engineer Peter Rice in their Covent Garden Clifton Nurseries building — where Proctor spars hold a skin of teflon-coated glassfibre to keep out the rain.

At the Yacht House Horden has abandoned marine technology above ceiling level and reverted to square steel-angle trays carrying the corrugated metal roof decking of a more conventional building. The very necessary task of covering all twelve enclosed bays with a continuous waterproof membrane is accomplished with the aid of a large amount of bitumen-backed silver aluminium in metre-wide rolls.

The open courtyard bays at the front and back of the house reveal their nautical origin with highly visible spars and rigging wires — though full-height perimeter screening by banks of louvres imparts a more computerised impression. Equally marine is the ingenious awning system adapted from standard yachting headsail reefing gear, but the continuous aerospace roof membrane and the floor-to-ceiling double glazing rather obscure it. A more useful derivative of boating attachability can be seen in the array of dish aerials, aerogenerators, solar cells and other media equipment bolted to projecting spar flanges along one side wall.

The bold incorporation of 21st century communications technology is a key part of Horden's serious, and valuable, effort to show how appropriate materials and methods can make easy what is virtually impossible within the common aesthetic of ordinary houses. He rams home this lesson by pointing out with derision the thatched cottage home of a helicopter pilot neighbour.

Richard Horden is insistent that the house is a prototype, an experiment built on a limited budget of £55,000 along the way to a fully developed wind frame system with self-supporting glassfibre roofing panels formed by Contessa Yachts in nearby Southampton.

As an individual, working on his own without the enormous research and development capability of the Foster office, he has had to cut corners and make compromises; but the wind frame is going to be promoted worldwide by Proctor and he already has another job in mind for the system — a complex of yacht club shore accommodation cabins at Poole.

Covent Garden have gone for Michael Hampe's traditional cut in their new Rossini production, Edward Greenfield finds, while Tom Sutcliffe in Canterbury gets a heavy Victorian hair-do

How to choose a Barber with a bit of style

TRADITION lies at the very heart of the new Royal Opera production of Rossini's Barbiere di Siviglia. Don Basilio's house, almost a baroque palace from the outside, speaks of stability and solid values, as does the whole of the production conceived by Michael Hampe, intendant of the Cologne Opera.

Musically the traditional values are not quite what they would have been a few years ago, but are the more welcome for that. The conductor, Gabriele Ferro — who recently recorded L'Italiana in Algeri in Cologne with "original instruments" — has here turned to the authentic text prepared by Alberto Zedda, and as the overture establishes at once, uses it to clarify textures and bring light to a score earlier corrupted.

Speeds are rarely if ever hectic. Singers and players are given time to breathe. At first that might suggest lower voltage, but Hampe's insistence on pointing almost every line gives the telling of the complicated story highest musical as well as dramatic priority.

Recitatives are well-spaced, so that even the non-Italian speaker can register every word. As in the old Glyndebourne tradition established by Carl Ebert, the busy-ness of the production then makes meaning doubly clear. Very soon, I predict, the fizz will grow even greater, as routines, carefully learnt, become easy and natural.

Yet older tradition is satisfied by the way that Hampe has the singers regularly coming forward for their arias, confidentially addressing them direct to the audience with no fussing.

The dividends become plain when Figaro's Largo al factotum gets a big and generous, show-stopping performance from Thomas Allen. Foot on prompt-box, fixing us all with round eyes, Allen snares us with the aria and never lets go all evening. His voice is in splendid condition, apart from an occasional tendency to aspirate scales and divisions.

Deon van der Walt from South Africa as Almaviva and Alicia Nafe from Argentina as Rosina, both new here, have firm clear voices that project well and can cope in rattling precision with even the most elaborate fioriture. Van der Walt's tenor, bright but not specially distinctive, loses its bloom at the very top, but after a stiff start he freed up in his acting to become a prime source of comedy, making his appearances in disguise, whether as soldier or cleric, genuinely funny without intrusive clowning.

Alicia Nafe's mezzo lacks a little as yet in range — going raw at the very top and losing power in the chest register. The voice is like Teresa Berganza's, and there is a similar degree of reticence, a slight lack of "face." But the famous moment in Una voce poco fa, when reservations start to be put on the word "ma" (but), had much of the ring of Callas.

Enzo Dara's Bartolo is a Captain Mainwaring from Dad's Army, strutting in portly pomposity, helped by a great hat (one of Franca Squarciapino's memorable creations). His buffo tone is far firmer than most today. Samuel Ramey — best known for his heroically strong performances as Mozart's Figaro and Giovanni — crowns the whole production with his angular, spiderlike Basilio, hooking the attention exactly as he hooks everything in sight with the handle of his umbrella. The virile power of his singing makes one appreciate such a star in so incidental a role.

The solid, architectural sets of Ezio Frigerio, as "realised by Peter Davison," have a fresh atmosphere that is enormously enhanced by the lighting of Hans Toelstede, bringing a bright dawn with Largo al factotum in scene one and from there regularly capturing the shaded brilliance of interiors under an Andalusian sun.

ROSSINI'S classic overture which had already seen service in two other operas before the composer found this definitive home, was conducted excellently by Arnold Ostman—with a precise and exciting feeling for tempi, instrumental colour and articulation. Then the curtain rose on Roger Butlin's heavy Victorian twitter sets, within the first act a gothic church, then a pair of heavy doors, then an organ complete with pedals and bench providing the central features of the stage, and all the qualities that make the Barber a perennial joy were lost sight of.

The producer Jonathan Hales, here making his first operatic bid, never got beyond the similarities between Rossini and Gilbert & Sullivan. The Savoy operas do follow the buffa tradition graced by Rossini, but owe more to Gilbert's wit than to the guileless routines that Rossini transformed with his special humanity.

Perhaps Hales was misled by the casting of a character tenor, Francis Egerton, as Count Almaviva. If the Count is a vocally comic Don Alonso from the start, there is no standard of true emotion and youthful ardour to set out from and return to. It's hard to see why Rosina does not just plump for her youngish guardian, Bartolo. Kent Opera's new Barber is a case of the plot outwitted by the casting.

Lindoro's band are marines, tramping around mechnically in the old D'Oyly-Carte manner, and inevitably the cops follow the same style when they turn up later. Instead of suggesting lightness, charm, and insouciance, Rosina is a pouting, priggish damsel. Eirian James does not make much impact with her singing. The general climate of the production muffles the comedy in thick worsted overcoats. Gordon Sandison as Figaro, sporting a black bowler, is a dour gentleman's gentleman instead of a Spanish go-between. Rosina's row with her guardian takes place over the breakfast table and the morning paper.

Hales tries some comic tricks of his own. Figaro is discovered behind one side of a curtain covering a passageway just as Bartolo and Basilio swish it behind them. But the show lacks the excitement and real passion that earned the piece its status.

The miscalculations of the staging might be tolerable if Ostman's conducting helped the singers find the right performance values. The impact should come from the delivery of admittedly familiar, demanding yet never fading numbers. Ostman fails to accompany sensitively, or help the soloists with Michael Irwin's extremely awkward and unsingable new English lyrics, and like the most boring sort of kapellmeister wields his excessively long baton to ensure that the singers don't ever take off on their own. Ostman's dire effect is demonstrated by the fact that as soon as the singers are left to their own devices in the forte piano-accompanied recitatives, the performance immediately starts to show signs of life. Actually Rossini expected vitality to intensify in the arias.

The trouble probably stems from Ostman's misplaced desire to do his "authentic" duty by Rossini, and stop singers pulling speeds about or milking the ends of numbers for applause. I have rarely heard famous numbers fail so often.

It takes a strong cast to make the conductor get lost. The road to musical hell is paved with good musicological intentions.



Thomas Allen's Figaro at the Royal Opera

TELEVISION

Hugh Hebert

Laughter shows

There are two reasons for hitting the BBC when it's already taking account. Half the people who do it hope to knock it into a terminally prone position. The rest of us hope it might instead decide it's better to be beaten standing up than on your knees, grovelling.

So let me just say that when a series like The Laughter Show winds up its season, there is usually a sense of respite; but with BBC1's present philosophy you fear that it will just make room for something even worse. Because Dustin Gee does sometimes show a glimpse of a comedian of some style under the rubble of this script and format.

Impersonation is the lowest form of comedy, and television is full of it, feeding off itself like a snake eating its own tail. But watching Gee on Saturday night twisting that plastic face into Robert Mitchum or failing to be George Bélly felt less painful for what you were getting than for what you might have been offered.

Though what LWT offered just a few minutes later was All Star Secrets where the guests were imitating themselves and Michael Parkinson was imitating Channel 4's new computer-generated chat show host, Max. It puts you in mind of Jerzy Kosinski's slamming attack on misuse of the medium in last night's Did You See? (BBC2) — a splendid piece of polemic to wind up this programme's award winning season. Television, said Kosinski, "communicates a notion of reality that is neither reality nor art, which is neither pure entertainment nor a message. It's a limbo".

The best thing about The Coming of Age, (BBC1); the first of five about growing old, was that nobody had to pretend. Though there may have been a little quiet bragging. For instance from Nell who is 80 and has a boyfriend of 70.

He takes her out for a drink while the Sunday joint cooks, and sometimes back for a cuddle while the Sunday joint cools.

There was also Marion, who has a wonderful, sad but lyrical sense of widowhood. Like growing up again, she said, only alone. She understands why radio and television announcers often say "Good night" twice with a pause; so the lonely can say goodnight in turn, at least to their sets.

But in their separate ways they were all optimists, and so were the personages assembled by Credo (04) to comment on its survey of moral values as perceived by the young and the old. The survey covered lying, stealing, killing, and extra-marital sex, and there are no prizes for spotting the odd one out, or for guessing the broad pattern of replies. But the Bishop of Birmingham was optimistic because "The purpose of life is to grow up and get prepared for heaven" and that, he said, was just what the older people in the survey—more inclined to live by rules—seemed to show they were doing.

Though maybe not always in quite the way he thought. Take that Nell we met earlier who, at her husband's funeral, was approached by the vicar offering solace. "Don't grieve for him, he said. You'll meet him again in heaven. And I thought, I hope to God I don't. I've had enough of him here". Maybe man's optimism is always some woman's purgatory.

ELIZABETH HALL

Meirion Bowen

Spectrum

SPECTRUM'S American contemporary music recital was not a crowd puller. But, for those who did attend, each piece in turn sounded compelling and individual, and the performances under Guy Prothero's direction were attentive to detail and polished.

Apart from Copland's Appallachian Spring, the music was all newly commissioned for the group. At the start was John Marlow Rhys's Two Portraits, a study in contrasting types, like Jungian animus and anima or yang and yin: the former embodied hard, assertive music for the eight players, competing with each other rhythmically; the latter was a sensuous study in trills, tremelos, and genteel dynamic levels: altogether a cleverly crafted piece of character delineation.

Each of the four settings of poems by Rabindranath Tagore (in English translation) which comprised Jonathan Harvey's Song Offerings also has a sharply defined profile. But here there was an additional sense of dramatic progression, from the expectation of love, joyful celebration and aspiration towards a final state of mystic awareness and rapture.

Although intricately wrought, Harvey's score was conceived with delicacy and precision, never overwhelming the soprano soloist but keeping in motion an instrumental commentary that seemed entirely apposite. The final song appeared to be one of this composer's most blissful inspirations, everything in it issuing from high G's sustained by violin harmonics, clarinet and crotales and illuminating the vocal part with extreme poise and concentration. The voice line itself was throughout gratefully written and Rosemarie Hardy's accurate and insightful singing ensured that the work received a splendid premiere.

The American Elliott Schwartz's new work, Spirals, used cross-cutting and other filmic techniques to give point to an interplay of ideas which otherwise might have become an arbitrary collage. Cast in two movements, but adding up to a prelude, fourteen variations and an epilogue, it immediately exerts a spell with its sinuous opening for solo clarinet, and the interactions of style and motif thereafter are engaging. But about two thirds of the way through, when the composer's own pianistic intrusions became too deliberate the work slightly ran out of steam. At this stage one wanted the capable Spectrum players to produce something extreme and special. But the music continued with too much the same mixture as before.

DINGWALLS

Barney Hoskyns

The Long Ryders

THE last three years have seen a gradual rekindling of interest in tough, traditional American rock. Punk was a violent reaction to bands like The Eagles and yet here we have a bunch of former punks in the wild-west garb that was modelled on the cover of Desperado.

Harking back to the later Byrds and to Gram Parsons's Flying Burrito Brothers, LA's Long Ryders have been variously described as "acid country," "country garage" and "psychedelic Western." In fact, like other leading bands in this coast-to-coast revival, they spurn purism and pick freely from country rock, garage punk, and power pop. They are all-American entertainers who prefer looking backwards.

As if defending America against the insidious infiltration of English new wave, the Long Ryders sing of mythic country themes like The Wreck Of The 8.09 about rambling from Tupelo to Natchez and telling it to the judge on Sunday. They enjoy playing and communicate a delightful sense of camraderie. 1966 sideboards and 12-string Rickenbackers and a jacket fashioned from a Confederate flag: carbon-copy insignia to be sure, but their crisp, dynamic songs are anything but moth-eaten.

The band's strength is its balance between the frontmen. Sid Griffin and Steve McCarthy. Griffin, who led LA's best psychedelic revivalists, The Unclaimed, represents the more urban side, sounding like Dylan on Final Wild Sun and a scalding version of Masters Of War, while McCarthy is blessed with a perfect country voice and guitar style that make Run Dusty Run and the old Waylon Jennings hit Mental Revenge classics of rock and roll hoedown.

KING'S HEAD

Rosalind Carne

Happy Jack

TWO lifetimes of unspoken love. Liz dies of a stroke, her body riddled with 20 years of cancer. Jack goes three years later, weeping for his lost wife, his lungs and kidneys wrecked by half a century down the pit.

The cruel irony of John Godber's affectionate portrait of this stubborn Yorkshire miner is that Jack never knew how to savour pleasure, fearing enjoyment lest it dent the armour of pride and resilience which enabled him to survive so long. Joys are fleeting, but perhaps the more precious for that.

"We 'ad many 'appy hours paddlin" he tells her in a moment of rare warmth as they look out from Whitley Bay on their annual week's holiday.

And, thanks to the ease, lightness and humour of the text, and the performances of Andrew Livingstone and Jane Clifford, alternately standing back and engaging in their parts, you can't help warming to them both.

Godber never preaches, but it would be hard to remain long unconscious of the unkind society which both divides and unites them. They tell their story backwards, flashing in brief scenes across 50 years of marriage, and while he switches ages effortlessly (perhaps because this rock of a man doesn't change much), she appears less comfortable as the older, trapped housewife. At times she is close to caricature, and the venue doesn't help, always more suited to the open cabaret style than closed in emotional drama, though this show has touches of both.

There are moments of devastating pathos as when she muses on her humdrum drudgery, wondering if there might be anything beyond the familiarity of washing, cleaning and waiting for her surly husband to come home. Hardly original material, but it is transmitted with a directness that touches the heart.

And Andrew Livingstone is splendid, hinting at the feeling which Jack can't express, suggesting a lost wealth of passion in the slightest ungainly shift of his lumbering bulk.

Botha's reforms cannot prevent more Langas

As still more South African blacks fell to police bullets over the weekend, President Botha told American television that it was all a Communist plot, that nobody in the world would stop him maintaining law and order and that people who opposed his government did not get shot. Meanwhile, white opposition MP's from the Progressive Federal Party conducted a *swift inquiry on the spot in the Uitenhage area of the* Eastern Cape and came away convinced that the police had deliberately fired ball ammunition (as distinct from teargas, plastic bullets or shot) into Thursday's funeral procession although they had not been attacked.

Having considered the external implications of the Langa massacre here on Saturday, we may now concentrate on its internal significance. The first reaction of a rapidly lengthening line of foreign critics of apartheid included the understandable assertion that the police onslaught made a nonsense of President Botha's recent and high-sounding promises of reform. With clouds of smoke and cordite fumes still hanging over townships echoing to the cries of grief and rage, this is a natural response, but it misses a number of points. In less than seven months since the new constitution came into force, excluding the black majority but giving other non-white groups a subordinate share in power, rather more than 200 Africans have been killed by the police in disturbances too numerous to count. In a protest against rumoured evictions at the Western Cape shanty-town of Crossroads last month, 18 were killed (only one less than last Thursday) and many more were injured than at Langa. In the worst confrontations of all in modern times, some 600 were killed in Soweto and *other townships in* 1976; at Sharpeville in 1960, the official death toll was 69. There is nothing unique or unprecedented about Langa except for the macabre coincidence that it took place on the 25th anniversary of Sharpeville. It could have happened at any time; it might have happened the previous Sunday except that the magistrate deferred the funeral to Thursday before banning it on that day.

So the truly shocking fact about Langa is that it was nothing overly special apart from the date. It is of course not every day that the police kill, by their own almost certainly heavily understated admission, 19 people in a few minutes. But they do kill a lot of people in South Africa, especially at times of high discontent with the consequences of discrimination against blacks (twice as many dying in Soweto in 1976 from shots in the back as from wounds in the front). But, just as a road accident which kills one person barely merits a paragraph whereas one which kills 19 commands intense if fleeting attention, so the odd daily death by gunfire of an African at the hands of the South African police makes no waves while 19 at one go bring the world up short, especially on March 21. If South Africa looks bad after Langa, it was no better before it, for those who wished to see.

If it is wrong after Langa to believe Mr Botha the reformer it was no less so beforehand. People have been speaking of time running out ever since Sharpeville but the direct threat to white domination by force is no more real a quarter of a century later. All one can say is that the African majority is much *more impatient. The President's position is as clear* today as it was a week, a month or a year ago: he will initiate reform, just you wait and see, but he will not tolerate the unrest which persistently proves it to be overdue. The real flaw in his approach is not so much the contradiction between the peacemaker and the paranoid policeman as his determination to impose reform from above rather than negotiate with those who demand it. To convince South African blacks and the outside world alike of his sincerity, Mr Botha should rein in the police by repealing unjust laws and enter unconditional talks with such as Mr Nelson Mandela. The alternative is a series of Langas which may, or may not coalesce into general revolt.

Whatever the moves, Haughey has the veto

A proper caution is being encouraged on both sides of the Irish Sea about reports of an imminent new departure in Northern Irish politics, Anglo-Irish relations, or both. Dr Garret FitzGerald, speaking in London on Friday about the need for "a novel political structure," was not saying anything novel himself. He has long recognised (where his opponents in the republic have not) that a unique problem needs a unique response. Whether we get one or not will initially depend more on Mrs Thatcher than on him, for it is not obvious that her radicalism extends to Ireland. Whether the resulting arrangement could be made to work would thereafter depend largely on the attitude of the opposition party in Dublin. Before the last Anglo-Irish summit a good deal of unwarranted excitement was generated, in Irish rather than British speculation, which left the Taoiseach sadly exposed when Mrs Thatcher flatly rejected all three of the options in the New Ireland Forum report (unity, federation and joint sovereignty). She may well have felt that there had been enough mincing of words.

The Rev Ian Paisley in a characteristic over reaction to the latest crop of hints, shouted yesterday that the "destiny" (pregnant word) of Ulster would be decided not in Dublin but "here," by which he meant Belfast. He is wrong on that score. If Northern Ireland wishes to remain part of the union it will presumably be decided where the union government sits and that is Westminster. That is more than a quibble. The Unionists are rightly promised that no change in their constitutional status will take place without the consent of the majority. That veto, however, cannot apply to agreements which Britain may make with Dublin about how Northern Ireland shall be governed without any change in status. If Mr Paisley does not agree to that he is not a unionist but a separatist.

Yet the bigger hurdle to the sort of agreement which would put the IRA out of business is still erected south of the border. Sinn Fein and Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail party have their most important aim in common, and that is the unification of Ireland whether the Protestants in the North agree to it or not. Fianna Fail must be believed when it condemns IRA atrocities, and indeed Fianna Fail governments have treated the IRA with justice every bit as rough as that meted out by the British. The fact remains that Sinn Fein derives political respectability from the Irish constitution and from Fianna Fail's unwillingness to examine the "other views" to which a glancing reference is made in the Forum report. Any far reaching agreement between Mrs Thatcher and Dr FitzGerald would have cross-party support in Britain. It would be most unlikely to receive it in the Dail, for then the chief reason for Fianna Fail's existence would disappear. A leader other than Mr Haughey may one day allow the party to lower its sights and modify the national claim so that Britain can meet it. In the meantime, the veto to worry about is not so much the one held by the Protestants over Irish unity as the one Mr Haughey holds over anything, however sensible, which stops short of it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voucher plan fit only for the healthy

Sir,—I have read your reports on vouchers for health care (Guardian March 18 and 21) with considerable alarm. The incentives the plan supposedly offers are: freedom of choice for patients (which they already have if they demand it); and cost-consciousness for GPs (which we already have).

What will happen is that GPs will offer the cheapest possible care to only the most healthy. Many people do not register with a GP until they are ill, so the voucher would only be accepted if the illness was mild enough to show a profit. The GP must avoid admitting a patient to hospital, so what happens to maternity, diebetics, asthmatics, patients needing major surgery, hypertensives, etc. — only a fool would accept their vouchers. The other incentive is to offer comfortable short-term care — the patienty may take his voucher elsewhere if I suggest he stop smoking or lose weight.

If the problem is the cost of hospital care then why not offer the hospitals some economic incentives? Allow each consultant to control his own budget — this has been shown to cut costs while improving care.

The scheme is obviously *designed to promote private* medicine. The add-on insurance will produce, not two-tier, but multi-tier care — the more you pay, the more you get. Unfortunately Mr Bevan's best possible medicine for all is not economically possible, but reasonable, safe care is attainable. This scheme removes the incentives to provide it.

In common with many other practices, we already do minor surgery, ECGs, care of diabetics and hypertensives, ante-natal care etc. In order to cut down hospital usage. I will accept patients home as early as the hospital discharges them.

This scheme will affect both patients and doctors. It will suit the rich and healthy to the detriment of the poor and ill who must be informed soon if they are to act to stop it. Do you know that insurance schemes will not cover you if you are ill already? Take note if you are diabetic or hypertensive.—Yours sincerely,
(Dr) Simon Lansdown.
Paignton.

Sir,—Nobody who understands the National Health Service system of general practice could possibly contemplate the voucher system *now being floated.* These theorizers are obsessed with treatment. They imagine that every doctor-patient transaction is one of treatment being prescribed.

Free and open access to GPs is so marvellously economical because to a large extent it avoids unnecessary treatment, and also unnecessary investigations — X-rays, blood tests, etc. On the basis of our experience, we GPs are very often able to *say*: "You will soon be all right. No treatment needed"; and then we add the safeguard: "But come and see me again on Friday, just to be sure."

Nobody who pays cash or has to surrender a precious voucher will stand for this. He will want the works from the start — full examination, X-rays, the lot. In so many cases these will be unnecessary, wasted expenditure for the service and time for the patients.

The quick, cheap, and mutually satisfactory way in which so much of general practice is conducted is at the root of our being able up to now to afford a medical service which, for all its faults, was broadly comprehensive while the Americans, for instance, for all their wealth could not.—Yours

(Dr) Roger James.
Somer Town Health Centre,
Southsea, Portsmouth.

Sir, — I grew up in America, though I have not lived there for over 20 years. I have always felt the National Health Service to be a blessing, a miracle even, for which I'm continually thankful.

The rise of HMOs in America is, I assume, an attempt to acquire some of the benefits (for less than one tenth of the US population) that are enjoyed here by everyone. Perhaps native Britons need reminding what these are before voucher schemes and privatisation become more than a gleam in the Government's eye.

Blue Cross insurance in the US is obtained at a reasonable rate only through group subscriptions, usually at one's place of work, and it covers only the truly disastrous, viz. hospitalization. Ordinary doctor's visits and prescriptions are still paid for as they arise (unless one opts for a much more expensive insurance policy which covers medical costs).

Those who give birth to a sickly child needing extra medical care, or who lose their job (and with it their Blue Cross group subscription), or whose health fails as they get older, face an open-ended drain on their finances which is never pleasant and can lead to financial ruin. In America, the ill pay for the health services, in this country we all pay.

The "spiralling medical costs" are truly enormous in America, where a doctor was always assumed to be well-off, rather like a barrister here. There were, and no doubt still are many noble exceptions, doctors who treat poor patients for little or no fee as an act of common humanity. Medical costs in this country are the lowest in the Western world, for a service which is *still excellent*, though under threat from financial stringency.

For both these problems HMOs supply a partial remedy. What possible benefit can arise from adopting an American "solution" to a problem which Britain, for a variety of reasons solved far more comprehensively 40 years ago? Yours,

J Warren.
Garsington,
Oxford.

Blood Ba'ath

Sir,—Well, it is nice to see that the US "tilts" towards Iraq are finally getting some recognition even if it has *taken five years* (Alex Brummer, March 20).

When Saddam Hussein invaded Iran in September 1980, he hoped that by crushing the Iranian regime he would win the gratitude of the Gulf states. He received encouragement from the US administration, besieged by the hostage crisis, and possibly even from the Israelis. US engineering and financial support has given Iraq a high capacity to export oil. Recently the Americans have provided Iraq with around $1 billion of credits, though it has managed to channel most of its support through its allies in the region despite its professed neutrality.

The substantial and overt backing from the West is the key factor in Iraq's ability to sustain the war in spite of its apparent weakness. A combination of repression and a fear of invasion has saved the Iraqi regime from *inevitable collapse.* The narrowness of the regime in Tehran has made it look a very unsatisfactory alternative to the Ba'ath in Iraq. However, the militantly anti-Western radicalism of Khomeini's Islam has already found its echo in the Middle East.

Contrary to what Brummer says, Saddam has never refused to risk "wholesale slaughter". In fact if you consider that the Iraqi poplation is only a third of the population of Iran, the mounting opposition against the Ba'ath atrocities and the war, the regime's deep internal crisis and the thousands of deserters and evaders of military service, you realise that Saddam has pushed into the war incinerator more human and material resources than the regime can sustain.—Yours

(Dr) M. Ali
Essex.

Unjust tax on keeping the car in the garage

Sir, — The RAC posture concern for those "marginal motorists in lower income groups who travel low mileages but have no way of cutting the (addftional £10) cost of putting their cars on the road" ("Motorists give inward groan" Guardian, March 20).

I am sure the hierarchy of the RAC's lobbying activities fully appreciate that the greatest benefit to this group — and others who cannot afford the £100 to put *any* car on to the road — would be the transfer of vehicle excise duty (road tax) on to petrol, with the Budget £10 increase being accommodated as the equivalent of around three pence per gallon. And this as the first instalment of complete transfer of taxation from vehicle ownership to use.

The break even point between gainers and losers is, I understand, around 9-10,000 miles per annum at an average 35 mpg.

Research and Government figures suggest that there would be numerically more



gainers than their high mileage brethren of "losers." Public opinion polls have indicated a majority in favour of such a tax switch on grounds of equity — besides offering a useful spur to energy conservation, more careful driving and a reduction in city congestion through motivation to car sharing and/or some switch to public transport. The fears of rural users — many of whom do very similar annual mileages to conurbation motorists — could be alleviated by selective action, e.g. refinements to the rates support grant system, or direct subsidy comparable to ferry subsidies as at present.

Opposition by the RAC (and also the AA I understand) to such a switch in motoring taxation might suggest heavy internal lobbying by the high mileage business fraternity, many of whom are recipients of state-assisted company cars. Whether the RAC have ever bothered to actually ballot their membership to ascertain grass roots opinion is another matter. — Yours faithfully,

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Bearsden, Glasgow.

Miscellany

Sir, — I noted with interest the Diary item on the Clive Ponting jury's election as a Union of Liberal Students Vice-Resident. I'm surprised that you didn't mention that they beat Clive Ponting in the process. — Yours faithfully,
Martin Tod.
Cambridge ULS.

Sir, — I had a dream the then night; a member of the Royal family demonstrated his independence by saying, "I name this ludicrously expensive white elephant the *Stanley International* Airport and furthermore I refuse to waste perfectly good champagne on it — Cheers".
J. Grubb.
Sheffield.

A COUNTRY DIARY

CHESHIRE: Thick mist lay over the fields as we drove to the mere for the mid-March wildfowl count, the last of the season. We were not surprised, therefore, to find the deep bowl, in which the mere lies, full of white vapour, and visibility restricted to a narrow strip of water against the nearest bank. As we walked through the mereside wood, we could at first see little life upon the water but, as the sun *broke through and the mist* began to shred away, we noticed a large flock of gulls close to the far bank. Apparently the birds, which have roosted on the mere, are reluctant to leave in the morning when visibility is poor. We emerged from the wood to find bright sunshine, the water as blue as the sky above it, and the dead reedbeds turned to a border of gold. At frequent intervals, as we walked across the mereside pastures, pairs of Canada geese, which had been foraging in the neighbouring field, flew in to alight upon the water where we could hear them talking quietly to each other. *Now that we could see over* the whole area of the mere, it was obvious that there had been a dramatic decline in the numbers of wildfowl since the very cold weather of February. We counted 11 great crested grebes and this suggests that the average number of six breeding pairs may be maintained. They were in fine breeding plumage, but none of them had begun their complicated nuptial antics. The final count revealed that the 3,500 duck of February had fallen to 350 of only the seven expected species and with mallard and teal making up 90 per cent of the total. The 55 cormorants, however, was an *exceptionally* large number for this mere, and several of them showed the conspicuous white thigh-patches of their breeding plumage.

L. P. SAMUELS

Growth area

Sir, — Once again your reporting of the property speculation carried out by Fountain Forestry at Creag *Meagaidh* misses the point (Guardian March 21).

The Nature Conservancy Council may have paid £430,000 for the site by compulsory purchase, but you fail to mention that Fountain bought the land for only £300,000 just two years ago. They have now been paid forestry values for land where they were not permitted to plant trees. They bought the land knowing it was an SSSI and safe in the knowledge that they could make a speculative gain under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

One can imagine how "reluctant" Fountain Forestry were to sell at a profit of £130,000 for doing nothing. The deal was only a "waste of public money" in that they should have received no more than their original purchase price for the land. — Yours,

(Dr) J. Farquharson.
Bonnyrigg, Edinburgh.

Division over apartheid

Sir, — Seumas Milne has got it all wrong! Before the start of the 1982 86-day picket, I had meetings with Mike Terry of the AAM and with my comrades in the ANC, including the then Chief Representative, Ruth Mompati, who were in complete agreement that a non-stop picket of South Africa House should proceed, starting on August 25. Political prisoners, including Dave, had been held in the condemned section of Pretoria Central Jail for nearly three years and their health was suffering.

Although I had full approval from both organisations to proceed, rumours had started and I arranged a meeting with Sonia Bunting, head of the ANC Political Prisoners Committee to discuss the matter. She told me that I could hold a picket for Dave — as he was a member of my family — but not for Mandela or other political prisoners because that was the job of their committee.

It was a dreadful dilemma. The picket had been widely advertised and until a couple of days before its commencement, 196 Labour MPs signed an Early Day Motion for the release of political prisoners, City Group had the total support of the liberation and solidarity movements. Now they were both supportive — but holding opposite views about the nature of the picket.

The 86-Day Non-Stop Picket (which was the time it took for the prisoners to be moved to better conditions) was a great success, and of course — as anyone will know who attended it — it emphasised Dave, particularly *on his* birthday, but it called for the release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners.

We participated in and enhanced all the AAM National activities, brought many new members into the movement and brought the subject of appartheid in South Africa to thousands upon thousands of people. We always considered ourselves as part of the AAM movement and have never tried to take it over and still do not want to do so.

We also received wide acclaim from many people in the vanguard of the struggle in South Africa and, as everyone knows who was there, we had leading ANC and Swapo members *on our* picket and at our pavement universities.

It is quite clear why the South African apartheid regime wants to close the Friday 5.30-7.30 City Group pickets outside South Africa House, which have been held regularly since the end of the 86-day picket — the embassy is their maximum point of pain in this country. What is not clear at all is why it is so important to people allegedly giving solidarity to the South African people that these pickets should close.

The important thing for us all is to build solidarity in this country for the liberation struggle in South Africa. Nothing should be allowed to affect this support.

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Fighting talk which masks an indifference to apartheid



Hugo Young

A YEAR AGO, Mr P W Botha made a tour of Europe. For his government, it was a hugely successful operation. Everyone from Pope to prime minister received the South African leader with businesslike civility. The visits produced some wonderfully reassuring photographs back home. The reception of the Republic into the concert of nations seemed to be proceeding fast.

For the Botha party, however, the most pleasurable moral to be drawn from the tour concerned not South Africa but Europe. They said privately that they had made an interesting discovery: Europe no longer really *cared about apartheid.* European leaders had gone through the motions of criticism, but were now making it clear that this was all it was: a ritual.

Mrs Thatcher, by astute news *management*, had conveyed the public impression of giving Mr Botha a wigging. But this was merely the preliminary to a "realistic" discussion. Prime Minister Craxi, in Rome, had been even more blatant, telling Mr *Botha openly that his words* of reproof were purely a matter of form. Europe, it seemed to the South Africans, had become so disillusioned with events in every black African country from Nigeria to Zimbabwe that it would cease to make any real trouble for Pretoria.

A similar insouciance was on display last week, after the police slaughter of 19 blacks in a funeral procession at Langa. It was voiced by the South African ambassador in London, Dr Denis Worrall, a man who gives some impression of being an agonised liberal intellectual but who, of course, deploys this image — so much more acceptable in the salons than those square-headed Afrikaners — as a complete apologist for the Botha regime.

On radio and television, Dr Worrall sought to excuse what happened at Langa. It was all part of the process of reform, he said, and it had a respectable historical pedigree. The same thing had occurred in the American South 25 years ago, when the process of reform and democratisation brought with it a transitional period of violence. These things were regrettable but inevitable in any time of change.

This version of history suggests that the quality ranking heaviest in Dr Worrall's intellectual baggage is a bottomless cynicism. For there is no resemblance between the Deep South in 1960 and the Cape in 1985. There was never anything like this degree of slaughter when southern blacks began to exercise their right to vote. More important, civil rights activists were operating in support of federal laws and with the backing of federal law-enforcement agencies. The US government was wholly committed.

The position of blacks in South Africa could hardly be more different. At Langa they were not supported by the police but gunned down by them. What they seek is not endorsed but opposed by the government. Minor modifications of petty apartheid conceal only from the most unseeing eyes the fact that the entire structure of the South African state is designed to suppress genuine political reform. To find this equated with the Kennedy and Johnson years in the US is to discover the Big Lie made cooly manifest.

But perhaps that's the way the Europeans want it. There has been a great outcry. All governments have offered the most eloquent condemnations. The occasion has been almost a convenience for them, an opportunity for uncomplicated moralising to prove they are on the right side. The rituals the Botha party noticed last year have been performed with passion. The question is whether even now the West will change its conduct by one jot — or instead, fall gratefully on Dr Worrall's subversion of the truth.

THE NEW CENTRE of this debate is Washington. American economic sanctions are the one challenge Pretoria fears; and, for reasons nobody can fully explain, the apartheid state has suddenly captured the hostile imagination of grassroots American politics. An impressive growth in street protest has accompanied a variety of bills which are being put through Congress. The common thrust of these is not *full-scale sanctions* but the stopping of new American investment in South Africa, if things don't improve.

But the Congress is not the whole of Washington. There is also the President, hooked on a policy of "constructive *engagement*" which, being decoded, means that the best way of making South Africa better for blacks is to make it safe for Western capitalism. Mr Reagan can veto any anti-investment bill, and his benignly conciliatory reaction to Langa suggests he will do so.

And what about Britain? Britain has engaged with the South African question for longer than anyone. Britain's expressions of horror last week, mainly through the junior minister Mr Rifkind, were as well-honed as any. Nor has Mrs Thatcher been mealy-mouthed in her condemnation of apartheid. But what does Britain actually want to do by way of rendering its disgust into something more than vapid eloquence?

The answer is: Not much. British policy is confused. There have been glimpses of an occasional willingness to make life uncomfortable for Pretoria. The raids on Mozambique used to be briskly condemned. A few weeks ago Mrs Thatcher surprised some people by calling for the unconditional release of the African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela. More recently, on the other hand, Mr Rifkind has confusingly said Britain will not talk to the ANC until it renounces violence.

The truth is that the British Government is prepared to take no risk and pay no price in practical support of its moralising. Among the more conspicuous victims of South African might, for example, are Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana. A goverment honestly committed against Pretoria's methods would have offered these Commonwealth countries some solidarity in face of South African bullying and blackmail. Britain, instead, *has urged them to sign* treaties, expel the ANC and comply with all their neighbours' demands.

But the most prominent area of British evasion is, of course, the economic. British investment is too great and British-South African trade too extensive to be jeopardised. Successive governments have acted on this "principle," and numerous talk-outs exist to make it sound respectable. Some of them are true enough. Full-scale economic sanctions could never be policed. A policy of positive disinvestment is completely impractical. Any country which took either of those radical courses would simply be out-*flanked and impoverished by* the sanctions-busters: as witness the profiteering of West Germany, Israel and the US from the arms embargo respected by others.

These forceful arguments rule out extreme measures as simply futile. But behind them lie the positions which really ensure that the Government will do nothing whatever if it can help it. One of these says that it is not our business to interfere in the affairs of another country — except, presumably, by shouting at it when intolerably provoked. The other says that British jobs will always count for more than any scruple about the apartheid state. Even while *Mr Rifkind wrings his hands*, chamber-of-commerce delegations from provincial Britain stalk the Johannesburg business community, with Foreign Office help, as zealously as ever.

SO BOTHA was right. The British do not care in any way that really counts. And Worrall is right. Any dismissive explanation of that little trouble at the Cape is welcome, however perverted.

Nor is there any longer a *serious compulsion* coming from the other side to make us reconsider. After the economic sanctions debate got going about 20 years ago, there were moments when a painful choice seemed to lie before Western governments which prated about apartheid. Trade with South Africa — but sacrifice your trade with Nigeria. Nigeria's rotting economy, not to mention the dirty deals black Africa itself has been forced to *make with its most-hated* enemy, put that in sick perspective. The brutal fact is that no immediate sanction now exists against any government which trades with or invests in South Africa.

Tomorrow, as it happens, the Foreign Office is holding a private meeting to discuss its Southern Africa policy. A few outsiders will be present. No doubt economic sanctions will again be on the agenda. The swelling anger of influential American opinion has put them there. So has the Commonwealth Secretary-General, who last month for the first time called for the preparation of a phased programme of sanctions. So have such moderate South African blacks as Bishop Desmond Tutu, who has given the Government 18 months to prove that constructive engagement means something more than the freedom to oppress with impunity.

The meeting, no doubt, will be confused, and its conclusions will prevaricate, even on the modest point of deterring future investment. Let us hope that it at least examines the sanctimonious rhetoric of last week with a steely eye. For somewhere truth, at least, exerts its own sanction. There is a limit to the number of times a government can express shock and horror and disgust while at the same time pursuing policies which year by year shore up the object of this anathema, and solidify economic dependence on it.

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Illustration by Peter Clarke



As the next leap in TV technology reaches production, Robin Shenfield watches European manufacturers struggle to wipe the broad grins off the faces of their Japanese rivals

A wide angle of attack

EUROPE and Japan are gearing up for what could be the next big consumer electronics and home entertainment revolution: high-definition television, yielding picture quality far ahead of existing standards, and with the capability for a wide-screen format just like the movies.

One route to the television picture for the 1990s is based on British electronic design, the Multiplexed Analogue Components transmission system developed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority's engineers for direct-broadcast satellite transmissions and offering Europe a united front. The alternative is being developed in the Far East. And guess who's in front?

Japan, with state broadcaster NHK and manufacturers like Sony leading the way, is pumping millions of yen into technology to provide wide-screen high-definition television pictures, using effectively twice the number of lines of our 625-line system, either beamed by satellite or played off a VCR.

The cameras have been built, the video recorders tested, and transmission proved possible by a series of satellite broadcasts to a select audience at night. All it takes is for the receiver industry to get moving and the next television-centred revolution is born.

But Europe — albeit sporadically and with a lamentable lack of unity — is beginning to fight back. Or the receiver industry, what's left of it, is. The broadcasters are fighting mostly amongst themselves.

Europe's answer to high-definition television is Mac, designed to transmit improved quality pictures by satellite but without making existing television sets obsolete. It has been accepted as the European standard for future direct broadcasting by satellite services.

The European receiver industry, including giants like Philips, is unreservedly keen, not least because of the prospects of a Europe-wide consumer electronic market which Japan, for once, has shown little sign of entering.

If it is to be HDTV worldwide, Japanese-made VCRs would flood in for a repeat of the wipe-out of Philips's ineffectual V2000 home video format by the VHS and Betamax boom. Mac is their only hope.

But the broadcasters are squabbling, as they have been for several years. It all started when Britain went unilateral with Mac and the French said "Non." The backroom and boardroom furore has barely abated since.

The problem is that the C-Mac system adopted by Britain is good for satellite broadcasting — for which there is ample frequency spectrum available — but less good for so-called narrow-band cable television networks, of which France has more than a few.

The result has been a compromise which recognises three variations on the original, ranging from the full C-Mac down to the French favourite D2-Mac. The handling of the television picture is unchanged in each but the number of digital sound channels available drops from eight to four.

For the receiver industry, it could have been worse. It is confident it can produce, at very little extra cost, receivers adaptable for any one of the three variations while retaining a broad sweep across the market. But each will need to be pre-programmed for one or other at the factory — which is bad news for the consumer, who in France will be able to watch French satellite broadcasts but not British, and vice versa. Free trade in television, even in the EEC, is a non-starter.

The problem gets more complex still. At the IBA, engineers say that by taking over only two of the eight available digital sound channels that go with C-mac, they can produce not just better-looking pictures but wide screen ones as well — and on a par with Japanese high-definition. Extra picture information transmitted in the six spare sound channels can be recombined with the main picture in the receiver, on a screen of almost cinemascope proportions — an aspect ratio of 5:3 instead of 4:3. Those with existing TV sets would still get better pictures than before.

For the first time viewers would be able to watch movies at home in the manner in which they are made: normally a 35mm film has to be drastically topped and tailed to fit the small screen or worse, reduced in size to a letterbox bordered in black.

The engineers have already proved to themselves that the system — Extended C-Mac — is possible and this summer are hoping to transmit it by satellite to a broadcasters' meeting in Switzerland for side-by-side comparisons with Japanese high-definition.

"We're confident that on screens of up to a metre across it will be very difficult to tell which is which," says IBA spokesman Chris Dauboney. "In home viewing there would be nothing to choose between them."

With that kind of parity, the IBA believes that Europe's first DBS broadcasters, probably France and Germany, will have the confidence to start broadcasting with Mac in the knowledge that something even better is in the pipeline.

But again there are problems. The Mac variations developed for Europe, which have fewer sound channels, cannot be upgraded at a future date for wide-screen broadcasts. "Any compromise in the C-Mac system is undesirable. It means fewer options, in the long term, for broadcasters using it," says the IBA.

Another possibility, wrecking hopes of European unity still further, is that France and Germany may opt to stick with conventional colour television standards after all. Neither has made any firm commitment to the Mac system so far. Germany is believed to be backing Mac, even though switching to it on its planned DBS services could lose it a politically valuable East German audience unable to buy the necessary decoders. France, spurred to a new sense of urgency by the participation of Luxembourg in its satellite project, is still an unknown.

Britain, though, will use the system — if its own DBS operation goes ahead. But for the 21-member DBS consortium (the BBC, ITV companies and five independents) making better pictures is not uppermost in their minds. Some are already so concerned at the cost of the satellite leasing arrangement proposed by the British technology triumvirate of British Aerospace, GEC and British Telecom that there is pressure to ditch the project altogether, or alternativley to buy their own.

Poor prospect then for Mac and European technology. And in 1989 Japan is due to launch its first television satellite beaming high-definition programmes to Tokyo's better-off viewers, who can afford the decoders.

In Britain, isolated with a form of Mac rejected by Europe, the chances are we won't be able to watch any satellite at all, let alone pictures that would leave the cinema industry running scared. More likely, we'll be watching HDTV on a home video. From Japan of course.

Christopher Reed gets the picture of how television may form some bad habits

Why move 'n munch is a normal lunch

THE student of America, puzzled by the paradoxes of Reaganism and the New Populism, the beatification of the medical profession or even why Americans have such slovenly eating habits, can turn to Professor George Gerbner.

Dean of the Annenberg school of communications at the University of Pennsylvania, his may not be the last word but his 17 years of studies into television's influence on social dispositions such as these are well worth examination.

Dr Gerbner and his researchers studied light and heavy viewers, — the latter watching more than four hours a day, nearly half the total US audience. They found that in comparisons of the two types, heavy viewers from otherwise very different social groups tended to share social and political perceptions more than light viewers, blurring traditional differences and particularly eroding working-class consciousness.

Commercial television's need for vast audiences pulls its content, and its viewers, towards mainstream blandness. Thus heavy viewers tended to regard themselves as "average," "middle class" and politically "moderate" in spite of their actual status or opinions, a pattern unique to television, Dr Gerbner found.

In fact, their opinions were often well to the right of what would normally be regarded as centrist, especially on topics such as race, minorities, personal rights, freedom of speech, and law and order. This probably reflects television's portrayal of a dangerous and nasty world through its dramatisation of crime, and obsession with disaster and mayhem on the news.

Heavy viewers were not conservative on economics and social services, however. Here they demonstrated the populist distrust of big government and resentment of taxes, and the paradoxical demand for beneficial government services, and the quick economic fix.

Dr Gerbner believes this stems from commercial television's "mass mobilisation for consumption." As a temple devoted to advertisers' glorification of instant gratification, it is bound to encourage fast and simple solutions to material desires.

These paradoxes can be more readily understood on a closer examination of the world American television creates and those who live in it. Average viewers see 300 screen characters a week in prime time, portrayed in apparent realism but bearing little relation either to their counterparts in real life or the viewers' real world.

Violence is seen six times per hour in prime time, of which two incidents per evening are fatalities, so that a 16-year-old heavy viewer will have seen about 7,000 screen deaths. Women and older people, although actually under-represented in comparison with reality, are disproportionately the victims. Young white males dominate in violent scenes and are least likely to be victims — the opposite of the real world where they are the most prone to injury or death, after young black males.

Tele violence further contributes to heavy viewers' reactionary opinions. Minorities who see themselves more often on the losing end of violence are more fearful than they need to be of their own victimisation. One result of this apprehension is increased support of right wing law and order oppression.

Dr Gerbner's findings on television's causal influence on social attitudes can often vividly illuminate previously mystifying behaviour.

Why, for instance, do Americans eat and drink in public so much? They gobble and gulp junk food and soft drinks while going up in lifts, driving their cars, or shopping. Dr Gerbner points out that each evening's prime-time, shows nine acts of eating and drinking, mostly on the run. Families sitting down to a balanced meal are hardly ever shown. He believes it is connected to an attempt to resolve frustration, a point echoed by US dieticians who constantly warn America's overweight millions against "compulsive eating."

The implications of all this are troubling, and could presage some volatile politics. Dr Gerbner says: "We are only now discovering our environment of symbols and messages and realising that as with other things, these are also mass produced.

"Perhaps what we need most of all is a prime-time programme alerting viewers to the hidden political messages behind the messages they know about."



Brenda Polan, the Guardian's fashion editor, gives the lie to ideas that fashion journalism is one long party

Hurt in action at the runway—should be mentioned in the swatches

SOME myths are more persistent than others. One of the hardest to dispel concerns the daily lifestyle of fashion editors. In the minds of most people we are not real journalists but frivolous social butterflies who, fuelled by champagne and canapes, flutter, pampered and thoughtless, from little gilt chair to little gilt chair, our only preoccupation how close that chair is to the front row.

Even show business reporters and motoring correspondents, whose consumption of champagne and canapes far exceeds that of any fashion editor, are allowed to be proper hacks, men with a nose for a scoop, a valuable contact book and deadlines to meet.

Part of the answer is that, predominantly, show business reporters and motoring correspondents are men, and fashion editors are women. And even when all the evidence is otherwise, men's jobs are serious and tough, women's, since the poor dears have neither the physical nor the intellectual stamina enjoyed by men, are not.

The perpetuation of the myth is therefore comforting to the sexist majority. What dismays us is that feminist women should, in recent years, have put their shoulders to the wheel by branding us lightminded tools of an industry which exists to exploit women by shoving at them, and insisting that they identify with, impossible images of womanhood.

As with most industries, the need, the demand came first. And after food and shelter, clothing is a major human preoccupation. The amount a given individual is prepared to spend on it (in terms of money, time and effort) varies wildly according to other priorities. But we all love to dress and we all like to choose what we wear.

And the clothing industry is massive, the third largest employer in Britain and a substantial exporter. There is a bitter little joke going the rounds of the fashion community: Why has Mrs Thatcher fallen in love with the fashion industry to the point of becoming its best PR? Because it's labour-intensive.

Neither she nor her ministers nor the Princess of Wales who attended last Tuesday's Lancaster House reception for British designers and manufacturers and thrilled foreign buyers and press express it that way of course. They emphasise design. This is not really sophistry since Britain trains the best designers in the world — between 400 and 500 of them graduating in fashion each year.

The result is that the corps of women who, in mythology, lead such a trivial, spoiled and easy life, have one of the toughest jobs in journalism requiring physical and mental stamina of a very high order.

We returned, more than a little debilitated, from sitting (on hard white plastic chairs in huge auditoria) through a couple of dozen 40-minute fashion shows in Milan, took a few hours to write up our reports and hastened to the seething, oxygenless Pillar Hall at Olympia for the first of 35 shows which make up London Fashion Week.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday we watched eight shows a day, trudging through rain and sleet between Olympia and the Commonwealth Centre in Kensington.

Halfway through Friday afternoon my colleague from The Times turned a glassy eye in my direction and enquired in faltering tones: "Is it Saturday today?" I replied: "No, I think it's still Friday." For it is not just the sitting and watching, blinded by trendily strobing lights, which exhausts. Fashion show organisers, be they British, Italian or French, prefer a venue for several hundred spectators with one constricted entrance, a nice crush and the chances of a near-riot.

The British organisers like confusion within the tents and showrooms as well. So instead of numbering the seats as both the French and Italians do, they put your name on yours and leave you to find it. If some hard-faced, stony-hearted opportunist with a standing room only ticket or one of the hundreds of uninvited fashion groupies and students has usurped your seat, how are you to know unless you challenge everyone to reveal the name obscured by their body?

But front-row seats, although they bestow status, bring penalties of their own. Between them and the raised runway on which the models will parade is a narrow aisle, a shuffle-way really. Here crouch the photographers. Or rather, here they stand, crowd, elbow and lean.

They are supposed to crouch so that the view of the very important fashion editors and the view of the very important buyers is unimpeded. The old guard do, indeed, crouch. But the less refined of clickers have elbowed their way in.

They use their metal camera cases as battering rams, swing tripods to clear a way through the waiting crowd and they do not crouch.

So chaos reigns and, in the foetid atmosphere, germs and viruses are exchanged freely. We endure because we are covering an important industry and we are doing it responsibly, seriously, toughly.

Once it was over we, again, had a few hours to write our copy and choose our pictures before the caravan, and we with it, moved on to Paris. As you read this on Monday morning, spare a compassionate thought for me, standing in a puddle in the Jardine des Tuileries, chicly garbed in heavy-duty mackintosh and wellies, nose running and head aching, waiting to be allowed entrance to yet another foetid, germ-filled tent, lower lip, most probably, trembling.

Last week (left), London, this week, Paris. But everywhere the same crush. Picture by Frank Martin

Media File.....

A FRISSON of impending change is being felt in one of the most refined corners of the British book business — and, indeed, one of the longest-established examples of commercial sponsorship of artistic endeavour. The Shell County Guides, funded by the petrol company, edited by the late Sir John Betjeman and John Piper, have been published since 1939 by Faber and Faber. But now, the word has gone out that Shell wish to "review the nature and format" of the publications.

In other words, time for a change — and other publishing houses have been quick to sniff out the chance of getting the contract for a lucrative long-runner. Admirers of the Guides to date, on the other hand sensed that this might be death or a fate worse — something more brutally commercial, less about that interesting perpendicular window in the north aisle, much more of the car parking space off the high street.

The outcome may turn out to be far more intriguing. Though all concerned are keeping their cards close to the chest, the contenders for the publishing deal include Secker and Warburg, Michael Joseph, Penguin, and, some say, even Reader's Digest but the whisper about the editorship is that John Piper will get a new partner: Home Counties church organist and profit-making publisher, the sensitive and artistic Mr Richard Ingrams.

THE CHANCELLOR gave the publishing business that wonderful feeling said to come just from having stopped beating your head against a brick wall. Not only was Vat on cover prices averted after all that expensive and energetic lobbying (and the only bit he actually denied having contemplated was a books tax) but he gave the psychological bonus of a commitment to keeping things the way they are until the end of this Parliament.

But uncertainty is by no means banished. The tax is to go onto newspaper advertising, and the effects of that seem still to be anyone's guess. The impact could be very uneven, hitting some of the heaviest titles in the market at one end, the smallest and dodgiest at the other, while leaving the vast majority relatively unscathed.

This scenario is based on the way VAT is imposed and reclaimed — until the prize is finally borne by someone not liable to VAT and therefore not qualified to reclaim it either. So financial advertising will cost its advertisers more, because providers of financial services are themselves exempt from VAT and so cannot reclaim what they pay the newspapers. But most individuals and very small businesses are not registered either — so if you advertise your old bed in the local paper's classified columns, you pay the VAT and can't get it back.

The great imponderable, is how much of a deterrent this will prove, and how much these forms of advertising will drop. The Financial Times, for example, proclaims not unreasonable confidence that most of those who buy space in its pages to advertise money matters will feel the need to continue. Others just have to wait and see.

Local papers with a heavy dependence on low-cost classifieds cannot be so sanguine. But here there are other factors to consider, not least the role that such advertising currently plays in a given title's economics: the Chancellor's move might shift the ground slightly back in favour of tradition paid-for papers, and against the free-sheets which depend entirely on advertising, with small-ads therefore a more important part of turnover.

And as the struggles of ITV to keep its revenues up continue, the question begins to be asked about the state of the advertising market in the rest of 1985, regardless of the Lawson effect.

At which point, the capital city on Thursday will be greeted with Loot, a new weekly devoted to classifieds, and getting a £75,000 media launch. Bad timing? Maybe not. The difference with this one is that the advertiser doesn't pay — the potential customers fork out a 50p cover price. And no VAT.

THE TECHNIQUES and experience of the BBC's television training department, still generally regarded as the place that feeds the entire industry, will be available to a select band of outsiders at the end of next month for a crash course and assessment. The Royal Television Society's latest television production course is backed by the BBC lot, and four of their senior instructors will push just four teams of four students through a three-day residential cramming in presentation and 3-camera production. The bill hits £350 each, but the RTS see it helping journalists, writers, advertisers, not just would-be stars.

The reports on satellite and such, from Ireland and Scandinavia, in last week's Media Page, were by Joe Joyce, in Dublin, and Donald Fields from Helsinki.

Peter Fiddick
Media Editor

Whose job is it anyway?

Patrick Wintour on the background to the new technology fight between the NUJ and NGA.





Ecclestone, above, and Dubbins. Compromise needed

EVEN by the unrestrained rhetorical standards of the labour movement, relations between the National Graphical Association and the National Union of Journalists have reached some kind of nadir in recent weeks.

It is not often that one union describes the deputy general secretary of another as a cross between Von Ribbentrop and Judas Iscariot, but this was how the NGA last week described the admittedly abrasive deputy general secretary of the NUJ, Mr Jake Ecclestone. For good measure the NGA also called for the expulsion of the NUJ from the TUC.

Since then a truce, but certainly not a peace treaty, has been agreed. They have agreed to try again to find a common approach to the introduction of new technology in the provincial newspaper industry.

As Mr Tony Dubbins, the general secretary of the NGA, acknowledges that "with the two unions scrapping about jurisdiction and jobs under new technology, the only person who is benefiting is, of course, the employer."

It is common ground that the introduction of direct input as well as subbing and page make-up on electronic screen removes an existing work process. The NUJ argues that this eradicates the function of the compositor, the chief citadel of the NGA.

For its part the NGA argues that under direct input the traditional typesetting function of the compositor in relation to editorial and advertising copy is transferred to the electronic screen. The NGA claims that logically and legitimately its composing room members must be allowed to "follow their work" to the electronic screen and become sub-editors keying copy into computer phototypesetters.

The NUJ claims all this represents is a specious justification to muscle into traditional NUJ areas of representation by a union threatened with extinction.

These arguments have been acted out so far at two newspapers, the Portsmouth News and the Wolverhampton Express and Star.

At Portsmouth News the NGA has signed a deal which allows NGA members to be transferred to work as full sub-editors whilst retaining NGA membership. The agreement was largely signed without the knowledge of the NUJ and represents a dangerous precedent for the journalists.

Since the agreement was signed the NUJ has responded first by attempting to retrieve the situation at Portsmouth and secondly by retaliating elsewhere in the provincial press.

For over 14 weeks, at considerable cost to the NUJ, Portsmouth journalists have refused to work the new technology and as a consequence been locked out by the management. During the drawn-out negotiations, the union extracted a written agreement that there would only be a limited number of NGA members transferred to editorial and that they, although represented by the NGA, could not receive different pay or conditions awards. More importantly, the NUJ believes that it has surprised the NGA by showing its willingness to fight.

Moreover, at the Express and Star — where the NGA was locked out after refusing to cooperate with new technology in the tele-ad department — the NUJ went ahead and signed a direct input deal without its agreement. Under the deal the NUJ retains exclusive rights to represent journalists. It underlined the weakness of the NGA, traditionally seen as the stronger of the two unions in the provinces.

However, NGA bargaining power at Portsmouth and Wolverhampton has been seriously weakened by its inability to keep solidarity within its chapels. Significant numbers of its members have crossed their own union's picket lines and kept the newspapers in production. The NGA has been shown not to have the strength to take on employers, the NUJ, Sogat in advertising and the law all at the same time. Hence, last week's agreement to talk.

The Wolverhampton and Portsmouth deals are not as far apart as rhetoric and geography suggest. Although at Wolverhampton the NUJ has an agreement to represent all journalists, management has also proposed to the NGA, and the NUJ has not totally rejected, that some NGA compositors could be transferred into editorial areas acting as production co-ordinators whilst retaining NGA membership.

In essence this co-ordinator would carry out the non-creative functions of a sub-editor. Wolverhampton Management has listed these as "receiving and directing agency copy to journalists, keying in contributed copy, liaison duties, copy taking from journalists, administration of electronic libraries, production of routine tabular work, processing of sports results, fixtures and scores, keying in stop press, assisting and following the instructions of journalists by operating page make-up and output devices, including the collation of text and advertisements on electronic screen, and finally assisting with the first line maintenance of all electronic equipment in the editorial area."

The NGA has so far said this does not go far enough. They want their transferees to become fully fledged sub-editors — writing headlines, correcting text, designing pages etc.

The NUJ proposed in December that a limited number of NGA members could become full sub-editors, retaining NGA and NUJ membership, but only so long as the NUJ received half its normal subscription from the transferee and only so long as the NUJ was "the sole union for collective bargaining purposes in editorial areas."

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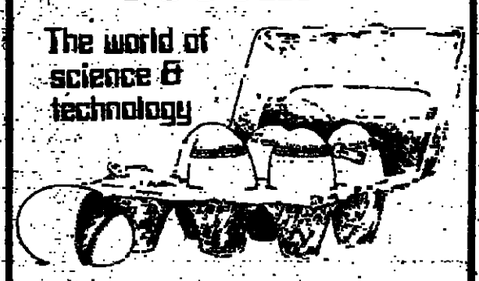
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Mrs Thatcher's uncompromising weekend speech was greeted with some nervousness by the Tory faithful. JAMES NAUGHTIE reports

Feathers ruffle as hawk flies over the cuckoo's nest

THE STRANGE thing about Mrs Thatcher's speech to the Conservative Central Council at Newcastle was not that she responded to her economic critics with a fundamentalist sermon, but that there appeared to be as much nervousness as ecstasy in its reception by the faithful.

There was, naturally a standing ovation, but it lacked the fervour of some of those long-remembered from earlier times, an odd contrast with the Prime Minister's own mood on Saturday, which, though her delivery was less assured than usual, was uncompromising and determined.

The Bishop of Durham was the first cuckoo of spring. Oxford common rooms were as bad as the cloisters for their infestation of doubters. All the old demons were summoned to dance for the party activists, who responded as required. The tone throughout had the familiar certainty the party has come to recognise as the touchstone of Thatcherism: economic and social affairs, like the world, can be painted in the plainest shades of black and white, good and bad.

So striking features found themselves bundled together in the law and order section of the speech with football hooligans, and the concepts of "collective rights" and "social justice" were contrasted scornfully with individual rights and the individual conscience. And everything was set against a background of coming deregulation and privatisation, the enterprise culture.

Thus, it was no speech for the wet or the squeamish, and it was taken afterwards by the Right as a reassurance that all was well despite the dissenters in the ranks at Westminster and indeed, at Newcastle, where some of the constituency and area chairman had expressed doubts about the adequacy of current economic strategy. The Prime Minister was not defending, but on the attack.

It was difficult to listen without hearing the echo of Francis Pym, who told the Commons last week that the Government's economic attitudes reminded him of 1066 And All That, a simple tale of good things and bad things. Inflation was bad, tax cuts good. Borrowing was bad, the control of money supply good. No complications are allowed to disturb the picture.

Of the six tasks she set for the Government in the central passage of the speech, Mrs Thatcher emphasised reform of wages councils and the employment protection Acts, the coming review of social security and acceleration of privatisation (partly as a means of reviving city centres by selling off derelict public property).

The commitment to increased programmes for education and training was the one task in which it was acknowledged that investment could help unemployment.

The dominant theme, however, was resolute resistance to the argument for public investment as a palliative for the jobless. The question is whether the central council — a strangely loose association of party activists — was sufficiently excited by the re-statement of Thatcherite orthodoxy to put aside the doubts that were evident in some of the debates in the two-day meeting.

It was not raging dissent. The voices raised in opposition were outnumbered by the loyalists' cries of congratulation for Mr Nigel Lawson (who nonetheless responded with a somnolent speech) and it was more a hint of deep-seated unease than a straight-forward attack on the Government, a warning of trouble ahead rather than a threat of revolt.

To this — and to the wets who caused trouble last week and plan to do so again this week — the response was characteristic. The critics were denying the possibilities in the spirit of enterprise — ambition, the urge to make money, and the greatest good, the creation of wealth itself — which was described as "most fundamental of the social services."

In a defence of self-help, of which Samuel Smiles himself would have been proud, Mrs Thatcher told the parable of the talents to the Bishop of Durham, putting her own stamp upon it. The essence of those who had won approval by using their talents was "the willingness to take risks to make a gain."

It was reminiscent of her famous re-writing of the parable of the Good Samaritan, in which she said, memorably, that the only reason the good soul was remembered was because he had the cash which allowed him to help.

So, the worries of Tories asking for a change of course to tackle unemployment or just to stop growing unpopularity for the party were answered with all the simplicity and self-righteousness of the preacher who has long since put all doubts aside. The wets who watched the speech with a lingering hope that there would be some sign of conciliation were disappointed, if hardly surprised. The message, as ever, was clear. If they want changes they are going to have to fight for them.

In an exclusive interview, Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury talks to MARTYN HALSALL

A flak catcher on the frontier of spirituality

ROBERT RUNCIE says he likes a quiet life. Immediately after the Second World War, he toured the Balkans, helping to sort out the Italian-Yugoslav border. He thought of becoming a diplomat. "I like to travel and I like people and I like history, but God had other plans for me," he says. Five years ago today he was enthroned as the hundred and second Archbisop of Canterbury. A theologically discernable proportion of hell has broken around him since.

His heroic reputation for drawing fire as a tank commander during the Normandy campaign seems to have followed him into the leadership of the Church of England. Church and state are said to be at loggerheads. The international Anglican Communion is reportedly rent over the ordination of women. Anglican doctrine is allegedly hijacked by heretics. Dr Runcie says he would like to be remembered, partly, as someone who didn't lose his nerve when the Church was going through rough times. Many would say he had little option.

His reputation is divided. His loyal biographer considers him potentially a great archbishop. The most acidic journalist has likened him to an eccentric maiden aunt. After the black and white evangelicalism of Dr Donald Coggan, Dr Runcie offers a mobile, technicolour Christianity. His views change; he likes time to assess evidence.

To the precise disciples of spiritual security he can seem both vague and dangerous. His study in Lambeth Palace is dotted with photographs of his family and ecumenical friends. The tables are stacked with books. Scripture is piled alongside Solzhenitsyn.

Dr Runcie is keen on accurate research. He has appointed a commission to examine the problems of the inner-cities. As a classicist and theologian he is used to teasing out subtleties. As a teacher he is alarmed when colleagues exhibit inadequate homework.

Despite the riots in recent headlines, Dr Runcie sees the church in "critical solidarity" with Government, supporting politicans in their complicated management of power. "That's not to think the Church can provide a sacred coping to over-arch the social policies of the Governemnt. I think we've had to probe some of the wounds of our society at the present time and particularly those which seem to harm whole groups of people."

Polarisation has increased in the last five years between the wealth creators and "the casualties of some immediate policies." He feels the gap is too wide. But "there has to be realistic hard talking and there has to be tough action to get the economy right and bishops who talk without the necessary expertise of bringing inflation under control make themselves ridiculous. If that's what 'Keep religion out of politics' means, I would support it."

He enjoys and uses political contact. "I certainly wouldn't complain that I have no opportunity to speak with politicians, nor is there a sense in which I regard it as too dangerous or too irresponsible to discuss these matters." He sees Mrs Thatcher from time to time. "It's a good and easy relationship in terms of all the business we have to do together."

For the leader of a Church dubbed the unofficial Opposition, Dr Runcie prefers political detachment. "This idea that I'm playing the politician . . . I feel that most of those who know me are aware that I'm not a very political animal; in fact I find a great deal of the details of politics extremely boring . . . I think also that from my past record that I enjoy a quiet life and have the greatest delight in discussions with my friends and enjoy cultural evenings and so on, and therefore it is somewhat dutifully that I've entered into this question, the problems of the inner-city."

Such comments are based on scriptural rather than political authority. He quotes chapters and verses from both Testaments to demonstrate God's concern for the underpriveleged. He declares himself a disciple of God's "bias to the poor." He notes the "catastrophic change of character" in Liverpool, where he grew up and on Tyneside, where he was a curate. "Messages that I get from the inner-city ring alarmbells, so I go to see them." Speeches are drafted from experience: "so what I say springs not from political partisanship but from religious conviction and pastoral knowledge."

Dr Runcie is looking to the next Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops in 1988 for an authoritive response to a number of issues: not least relations with the Roman Catholic Church. He says that women's ordination remains a major obstacle to progress with the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Personally he has moved towards a more open acceptance of women's ministry. He accepts women ordained abroad as priests, although in some churches they are still kept out of his way. "In countries where they do ordain women to the priesthood I've seen that it hasn't created the kind of schism which people have prophesied that it would. Of course it's made for divisions: it hasn't been achieved without pain, but some of the more alarmist prophecies have not come about."

The he says "We haven't talked about Jenkins yet."

The "Durham affair" surprised him. He had thought of Bishop Jenkins as a stimulating and encouraging teacher on the divinity of Christ. "He seemed to me much more orthodox than some of the dangerous characters who are writing books around the place. So it was a bit of a shock to me when he went full pelt into the media as an "episcopal heretic . . ." but then there is polarisation at the present time in theological circles and the Church is caught in the fashion of the times."

The General Synod debate about Christian beliefs — and the Bishop of Durham's interpretations — has still to be considered by the House of Bishops.

"I hope that we shall not set up or be tempted to set up new bodies, new sorts of doctrinal tests, which would be against the traditions of the Church of England. But I think that we should look at the nature of our subscriptions to belief at all levels; for those to be baptised, those to be made bishops, and particularly the responsibilities of bishops as guardians and interpreters of the faith, and face the difficult question of the permissible limits of interpretation."

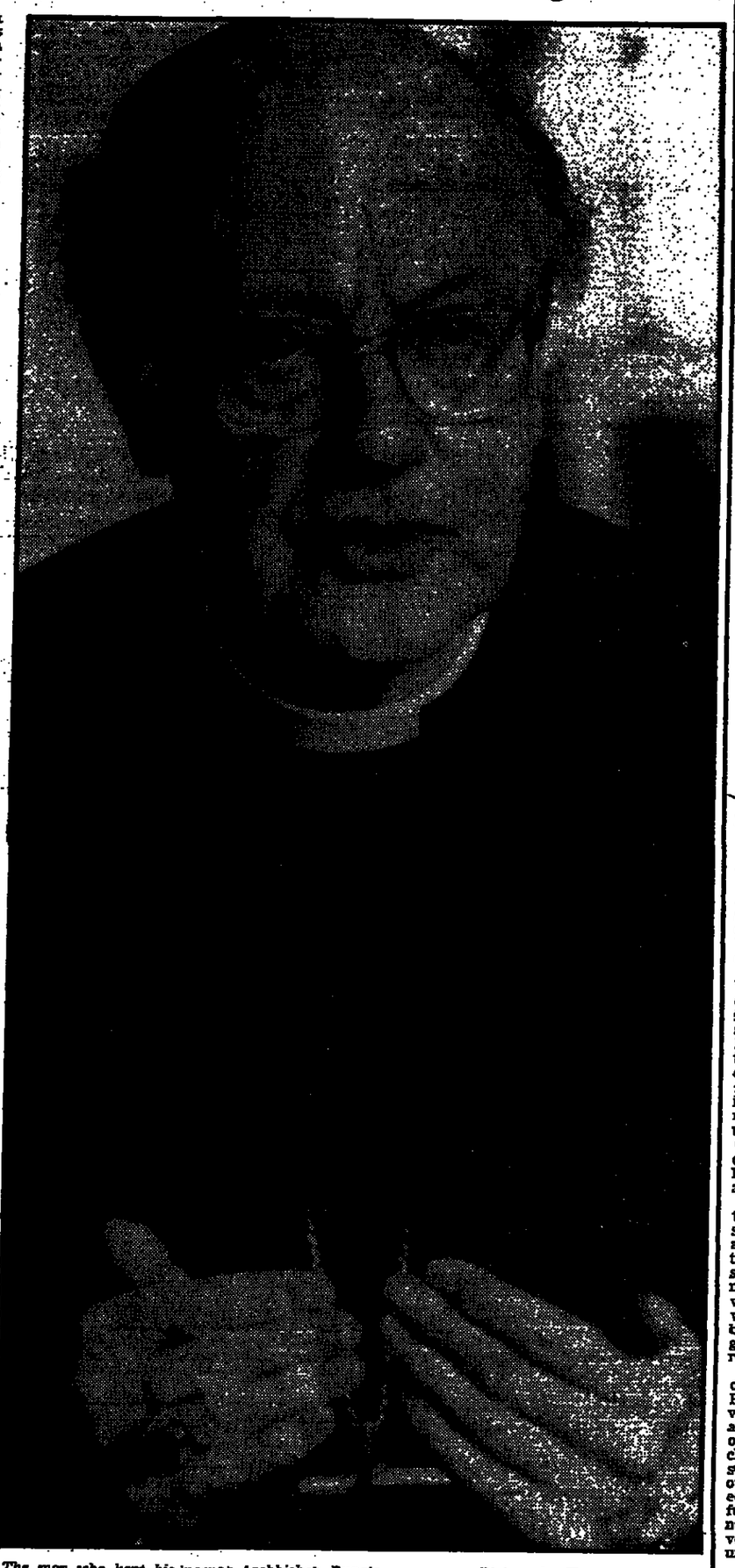
The Archbishop awards Bishop Jenkins both praise and criticism. He admires the "courage" of the initial television interview "about the adventure of faith" . . . but in doing so he's offended and upset a number of people who are concerned about the defence of the faith and therefore, I think, some of the language and presentation which is understandable on the media is not of the sort that I would encourage or use myself.

"Similarly on the political questions, he wants to present a Church which is genuine and Christian to the core and therefore standing by the poor and giving voice to the voiceless." There were those who saw complicated issues being dangerously trivialised. "In the interests of affirming some groups of people . . . others were written off. And so in the short term, I think damage has been done, but in the long term the aims of David Jenkins about faith and witness need to be stirring up the Church.

"He will provoke us in the House of Bishops and we shall not always agree with him by any manner of means, but despite my criticism and despite my sensitivity about those who need to be reassured, I believe we need a Bishop Jenkins to stir us up."

Dr Runcie labels himself an inclusivist. He aims "to bring the Christian faith in all its richness into the lives of people who think the Church is miles away." One of the most depressing experiences of his first five years was during a university mission. He sensed a lot of "seekers" in his audience but questions were dominated by "keen Christians who wanted to see whether I was sound or not." He said people should be strong enough in their faith "to take the risk of being where the seekers are and where the needy are . . . that's why I'll always be dangerously on the frontier of my spirituality."

"I would like Christian people to communicate to others what a blessing it is, what a gift it is to be a believer. There are some who seem to talk or act as if belief were a great burden and that nobody should get away without bearing the full load. That way lies self-righteousness. I don't want a self-righteous Church. But there are many people who tend to be despondent and there's no room for despondency in the blessings of Christian belief, so I would want to bring confidence to wavering Christians." And with that, the most nominal disciple of the easy life convened a meeting to weed out an over-crowded diary.



The man who kept his nerve: Archbishop Runcie. Picture by Kenneth Saunders

WALTER SCHWARZ on some hard lessons for British Greens

Margin of error

"THERE'S nothing wrong with knitting, especially if a man is doing it. But there's a lot more to ecology than that." Mr Jeremy Faull from Cornwall, the only Ecology Party county councillor in Britain, was saying this to international Greens conference in Dover yesterday.

British Greens do knit at meetings, as do German ones. In both countries they don't wear ties and they bring their children along, who sometimes sit on Daddy's lap as he makes his speech, commenting on it quite loudly. This is a good symbol of the relaxed, anti-macho world of Greens. The children are less disruptive than pompous irrelevancies suffered at the conferences of other parties.

Faull's complaint was that British Greens are marginal, wrongly called environmentalists by newspapers who don't understand that their concern is much wider — with man as a whole.

German Greens are not marginal, with 27 members of the Bundestag and more in state and local assemblies. The French Verts will come out of obscurity, too, if Mitterrand brings in proportional representation next week, as he is expected to do.

If they win 6 per cent in next year's general election, as the opinion polls suggest, they will have 23 deputies.

So what's wrong in Britain? The party cannot blame it all on the electoral system, as it has got nowhere near the 5 per cent proportional hurdle. Yet their ideas are as relevant as any others to things that worry people: jobs, health, peace, quality of life, position of women, third world, freedom.

Were I a member, and allowed to speak, I would say this marginality is our own fault: we have not begun to seize our opportunities.

A member from Glasgow, William Rowe, spoke with enthusiasm of employment initiatives in derelict city areas — projects that escalate from protests over factory closures, to social and cultural initiatives, and finally to job creation. These initiatives have sprung up in nearly every major city and many a village. But the Greens (who still ponderously call themselves the Ecology Party) are not usually present.

Work in inner cities would turn the Greens' image inside out. Instead of being against a long list of things, they would be for jobs. Instead of being the party of middle class dreamers they would be at the heart of the workers' struggle. Instead of being seen as rural retrogrades they would be urban renewers.

They talk too much like other parties. Jonathan Porritt, the chairman, conveyed greetings from miners and, as if he were chairman of the Labour Party, declared support "for their struggle which is not yet over." He did not say if the ecological society of the future would finance uneconomic pits or if it really favoured hereditary jobs underground.

What he should have said was: "Long live miners' communities that produce what people can eat and use." If the Greens had been seen at picket lines, saying that for the past year, nobody would have called them environmentalists or mentioned their knitting.

They generally talk as jeremiahs and are therefore classed with Malthus and other pessimists who were as often as wrong as right in the gloom. And yet the Greens, alone among parties, are in a position to put positive, joyful ideas into immediate practice, whatever the Government does.

Greens, like other revolutionaries, want to diminish or abolish aspects of established power. They alone can do it by changing their own lives, thereby creating the beginnings of a new autonomy.

They will need to be very frank about the redistribution (especially of land) and austerity (especially over energy) that their project implies. Bob Eyre, the biogeographer who writes on their themes, indeed warned the conference of the need to "counter the perpetual assaults on our eyes and ears of the ad-men."

He might have added the assaults of politicians, too—all of whom preach degrees of growth and consumerism. But plenty of people in Britain stopped listening to the ad-men and the politicians long ago. Austerity is not terrifying for those who have experienced it for years.

Redistribution may be unpopular because it is associated with Socialism, Marxism, statism, giantism, waste of natural resources and public money. Greens could bring it back into fashion.

Mr Fritjof Capra, the physicist who writes about the philosophical basis of green politics, suggested the party might appeal to the "post-Marxist radical left." He might have added: the post-Thatcher radical Right.

There was some talk of future coalitions for the Greens — a problem already faced by the German Greens but a bit premature in Britain. Yet there is enormous scope for alliances with pressure groups here and now.

For a start: the victims of the health service, and of British Rail. Greens stand out from other parties in their insistence that most movement of people and goods is unnecessary and inimical to the good life. And that most illness is society-induced and many of our remedies sick-making.

They should be in the forefront of concern for the Third World because they have the best answer: the economic decolonisation of our regions and theirs, making both self-sufficient in essentials instead of slaves to the production and trading of goods that range from the irrelevant to the noxious.

They should be in the forefront of the argument about EEC agriculture. Their natural enemy is the giant farm-factory that drives out real farming and real food and creates the surpluses.

They should be in the forefront of the women's movement because their revolt is against essentially masculine thinking that begins by dominating nature and ends by dominating people.

Their most important immediate friends are in the peace movement — as the German Green experience has shown: Mary Kaldor, who belongs to the Labour Party, came to the Greens conference to make the point. She said a CND has grown because of "frustration with traditional politics" — which produces the sort of society that can make nuclear missiles.

She said this was now coming to a head in Star Wars, which will need 250 space shuttles merely to refuel the space-based segment of the SDI system. "What will happen to the world then," Kaldor asked, "even if not a single nuclear weapon is ever fired?"

Petra Kelly of the German Greens, also on the platform, sees all this as men's doing—"a profound relationship between nuclear weapons and male-dominated society." With that schoolgirl humour she tries in vain to control, she put this down to "missile envy."

Petra Kelly used to belong to the Social Democrats. Like many thousands of others, she came across. If Mary Kaldor ever goes the same way, taking half of CND with her, the British Greens will have finally emerged from irrelevence.





Jonathan Porritt, above, and, below Petra Kelly

Despair at the Cape of no hope

BARRY STREEK reports from South Africa's troubled province

THE Eastern Cape province of South Africa, where at least 19 people were killed by police last week and seven more died at the weekend, has long been one of the country's most politically active areas.

It was in this region, home of the six million Xhosa people, that whites and blacks first clashed towards the end of the 18th century. More recently, it has produced many of the country's African leaders: Nelson Mandela of the African National Congress and the late Robert Sobukwe of the Pan-African-ist Congress were both educated there, and Steve Biko, founder of the black consciousness movement, lived there before his death in detention.

A number of former Robben Island political prisoners were confined by banning orders to several of the area's townships after their release, as a matter of deliberate government policy, adding to the volatility of the region. The existence of two of South African's four "independent" African homelands — Ciskei and Transkei — has created more tension among the black community, as independence has stripped Xhosa-speaking Africans of their South African citizenship.

Economically, the Eastern Cape is depressed. Physically, much is arid and recent droughts have worsened conditions for the hundreds of thousands scratching a living from the land.

Nearly five years ago, the South African government was given an intelligence report warning it that conditions in the 75 black townships in the Eastern Cape were so bad that they were leading to violence, strikes and disruptions.

Dr George Morrison, then deputy Minister of cooperation who disclosed the existence of the report said in 1981: "The reports we received were that much of the violence, strikes and disruption were due to inadequate housing and inadequate facilities in the various black townships of the Eastern Cape.

"We were somewhat perturbed by the fact that according to the reports we had conditions in some of the black townships which were appalling."

The government immediately appointed an inter-departmental committee which came to the conclusion that at least £250 million would have to be spent, in the words of Dr Morrison, "to normalise the whole situation."

After this, Dr Louis Rive, the former Postmaster-General who was responsible for drawing up a plan to upgrade Soweto in Johannesburg after the 1976 disturbances, was appointed as a trouble-shooter to draft a plan to improve conditions in the Eastern Cape.

Last year, nearly four years after the intelligence warning, the government approved the raising of more than £150 million in the Eastern Cape, including foreign loans, for the redevelopment of the townships.

But, as the Rive plan was being launched, the first disruptions began at Cradock — a town named after a British governor of the Cape, Sir John Cradock — after the government dismissed a teacher who led protests against a recent increase in the Lingehlile township there.

Since then, protests, disruptions, boycotts and clashes with the authorities have taken place in most of the 75 townships in the region, which consists of the land outside the two "independent" homelands of the Ciskei and Transkei.

Last weekend, a three-day black stayaway in Port Elizabeth resulted in the death of 15 people in different townships in the region.

Shortly before the killings at Langa near Uitenhage, where 19 people died when police opened fire on a funeral march, three Eastern Cape MPs from the Progressive Federal Party, the official opposition, called for a commission of inquiry into unrest and violence in the area "as a matter of extreme urgency".

They said they were "greatly disturbed by the growing number of deaths, many of which appear to have been the direct or indirect consequence of police action in these townships."

The role of the police in the build-up of tensions in the Eastern Cape is still under investigation, after the progressive federal party collected affadavits from black people in a number of different black residential areas — Cradock, Uitenhage, Port Elizabeth, Port Alfred and Grahamstown.

John Malcomess, one of the MPs who made the call for the inquiry, read out three of the affadavits in parliament, which enabled them to be published without contravening the wide-ranging restrictions on reports about police activities in South Africa. They provide an indictment of police tactics in the Eastern Cape.

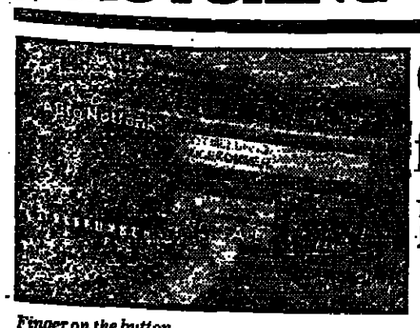
Last weekend, members of the Black Sash women's civil rights body, said they had seen a man assaulting a youth shackled to a table in a police station in Uitenhage. Two black detective constables were suspended.

As Errol Moorcroft, another of the three opposition MP's put it, "certain elements of the police conduct themselves in a manner which is both brutal and sadistic. The evidence suggessts that the actions are more in the nature of punitive measures rather than keeping the peace."

The evidence collected last week by Progressive Federal Party MP's in Langa again suggests that the police have become a major source of conflict in the area, rather than the instrument for the maintenance of law and order.

These are some of the immediate causes of conflict and tension in the Eastern Cape. But there also seems little doubt that throughout South Africa there is growing awareness of the link between bread-and-butter grievances and the system of minority rule. Student and civic bodies make their demands in terms of democratic participation, rather than in the more technocratic solutions.

Increased political awareness, coupled with more direct causes of grievance, have combined to make the situation in the black areas of the Eastern Cape explosive, as last week's events tragically emphasised.



Finger on the button . . .

Call for help

Germany has been evaluating a new in-car call system that signals the position of an accident to an emergency medical centre

Roy Harry reports on the road accident record of W. Germany and finds that the motor-car appears to have overtaken efforts to control or minimise some of the undesirable effects of almost universal mobility in the 1980s, including the effects on the environment. Traffic safety, especially, is one of Germany's most pressing problems.

ACCIDENTS often call for speedy action — indeed, speed can be a life-saver (Roy Harry writes). I was in Germany with a small group of MPs, police officers, county surveyors, doctors, and others concerned with road safety to see at first hand how effective a new emergency call system developed by AEG-Telefunken can be.

Day after day, people are killed in accidents yet, according to best research, up to 20 per cent of the victims need not have died had appropriate measures been initiated at the scene of the accident in good time: every minute of delay can be a matter of life or death.

For a large number of the victims with serious injuries, help is needed within ten minutes and the evidence so far available from the AEG experiment in the area between Frankfurt and Darmstadt suggests that the mean reporting time could be cut in half: the scale of improvement during this crucial initial reporting time runs on the basis of a one per cent reduction in traffic deaths for every one minute saved.

The system would need perhaps £300 millions to set up, with annual running costs at about one-third of this. The savings are more difficult to estimate, though the demand upon hospitals would obviously be eased. AEG's answer is Autonotfunk, more conveniently ANF, with a small transmitter fitted to the car. The driver or passenger can press it in an emergency to call for help and even if the driver is knocked unconscious or hurled out of the car the signal can be triggered through a sensor.

Two hundred cars were equipped during the test period with their calls being picked up by a network of repeater stations and then being passed on to rescue centres which were able, within a half mile radius, to pinpoint the incident. The cost per car would be about £100 but the hope is that if the government approves the scheme, some of this could be offset by lowered insurance premiums to these thoughtful drivers. The Federal Government is now studying the results of these trials and is expected to come to a decision by the end of the year.

Sensible though the ANF network is, perhaps we have neither the funds nor the immediate need for such a system in Britain. But the lack of normal telephones on our roads is placing hundreds of lives at risk every day, says the RAC. Picking up the German research showing that one in six road deaths could be avoided if medical services had earlier warnings of road accidents, Mr Tony Lee, the RAC public affairs spokesman, told me that the first eight to 15 minutes after an accident are usually spent looking for a telephone.

"While our motorways are equipped with emergency telephones at one-mile intervals, there are no plans to extend this to all-purpose main roads — yet under the Government's current road-planning policy, it is this type of road that is often being built rather than motorways to complete missing links in the strategic main road network.

"On roads through remote rural areas there are few public telephones and even if private telephones can be found at places such as garages they are often many miles apart and not readily accessible at night." He is to send a report on the Darmstadt study to the Department of Transport, stressing the need to improve and speed-up our existing rescue services.



. . . and an operator can call the driver and rescue services

Bonn tackles the problems of a poor road safety record

THE ROAD accident record of the Federal Republic of Germany is, like that of so many "civilised" countries, simply appalling. Each year about 12,000 people are killed and half a million injured. But this does not mean that the country is dismissive about automobile safety in all its aspects. Far from it — the Ministry of Transport is most vigorous.

While acknowledging that the automobile has drastically changed our societies with its importance for industry and the economy and improving the quality of life for large sectors of the population, the ministry is actively concerned by the negative effects.

One official, Gerhard Riediger, put it bluntly to me last week: "The overcoming of these problems just has not kept up with the rapid pace of motorisation during the past 30 years."

A number of what the ministry terms "action programmes" have already been implemented. The road network has been enlarged and is continuously being improved to meet the requirements of road safety. Vehicles themselves have become safer, and there is a new Highway Code. Motor clubs, police, and in particular the National Road Safety Council have worked hard in traffic education and public information, supported by press, radio, and television.

"The reduction of traffic accidents is a long-term task and a continuing challenge for federal, state, and local governments, for the organisations and associations concerned with traffic safety, for industry and the insurance companies, and last but by no means least, for each and every road user," said Herr Riediger.

The Federal Government has embarked upon the second phase of its programme. It is very much guided by the high-mindedness of the so-called Hocherl Commission with its conviction that road safety cannot in the first place be enforced by stricter laws and more drastic fines and penalties but that, on the contrary, it is more important to adapt the transport system to the needs for safety of the individual road user with a greater emphasis on education and training.

The target is intensified traffic education at an earlier age, with better driver training. There would be a probationary period after a first offence, especially for beginner drivers and a graduated licence for motor-cyclists. But the Government insists that road traffic safety is not solely a function for the state and is working to form a much broader base to attack the problem.

"The work done by the state can only be a first initiative which must remain fragmentary unless organisations and the citizens themselves become more conscious of their obligation to cooperate in road safety matters at both local and regional level. What is needed is not more involvement of the state but more responsibility on the part of the individual," I was told.

"Every road user — motorist, cyclist, or pedestrian — must realise that safety in road traffic depends to a large extent upon the individual. It is his own behaviour that brings him or others into danger and this responsibility must be strengthened."

There are signs now in Germany that a major re-think is under way, though perhaps some of the results have come about inadvertently. However keen driver alertness might be, the outer, fast, lane of an autobahn can be a pretty perilous position to hold. Even at an indicated two miles a minute you are likely to find a Mercedes or Porsche closing sharply, headlights flashing, and your own safety margin and elbow room diminishing rapidly.

The right to charge as fast as you like along these highways has been jealously guarded for more than fifty years. Only a few months ago the Bonn Ministry of Transport was reporting . . . "the Federal Government does not intend to change the speed regulations at present in force. These have proved to be satisfactory."

But the Germans are equally jealous of another national characteristic: rambling and hunting in their extensive forests. Two stretches of autobahn now have speed limits, one in the north from Hamburg, the other south of Nuremburg. At 120 km/h they are severe, roughly eight miles an hour below our permitted motorway limit.

They have not come about, though, from any safety consciousness or driver education. The fear is *waldsterben*, the dying forests resulting from air pollution. About half of Germany's woodlands are affected, some of them beyond help, and the finger is being steadily pointed at the internal combustion engine as the main culprit, particularly when the vehicle is being operated at high speed.

Just how far the car — and the high speed car — is to blame is in dispute: the "Greens" contend that if cars were limited to 100 km/h, then the noxious content would be reduced by about 20 per cent: the car makers say that their tests showed that lower speed made a scarcely worthwhile reduction to just 3 per cent. Some are even convinced that an engine is working more efficiently at higher revolutions and that then the harmful emissions are actually reduced.

The Government has done a Solomon and is funding an experiment to the end of the year with a fleet of cars equipped with monitoring devices cruising the autobahn at high and modest speeds so that emissions can be compared. Breaking the speed limit means that you and your car are automatically photographed with the time, place, and date of the event which will mean something unpleasant on your doormat one morning. Fines can be up to £100 depending upon the amount by which you exceed the limit and previous record: suspension of your driving licence is also possible. But what perhaps worries the tree lovers even more is a sneaking suspicion that the menace does not come from their own cars at all but, rather, is being imported from neighbouring countries.

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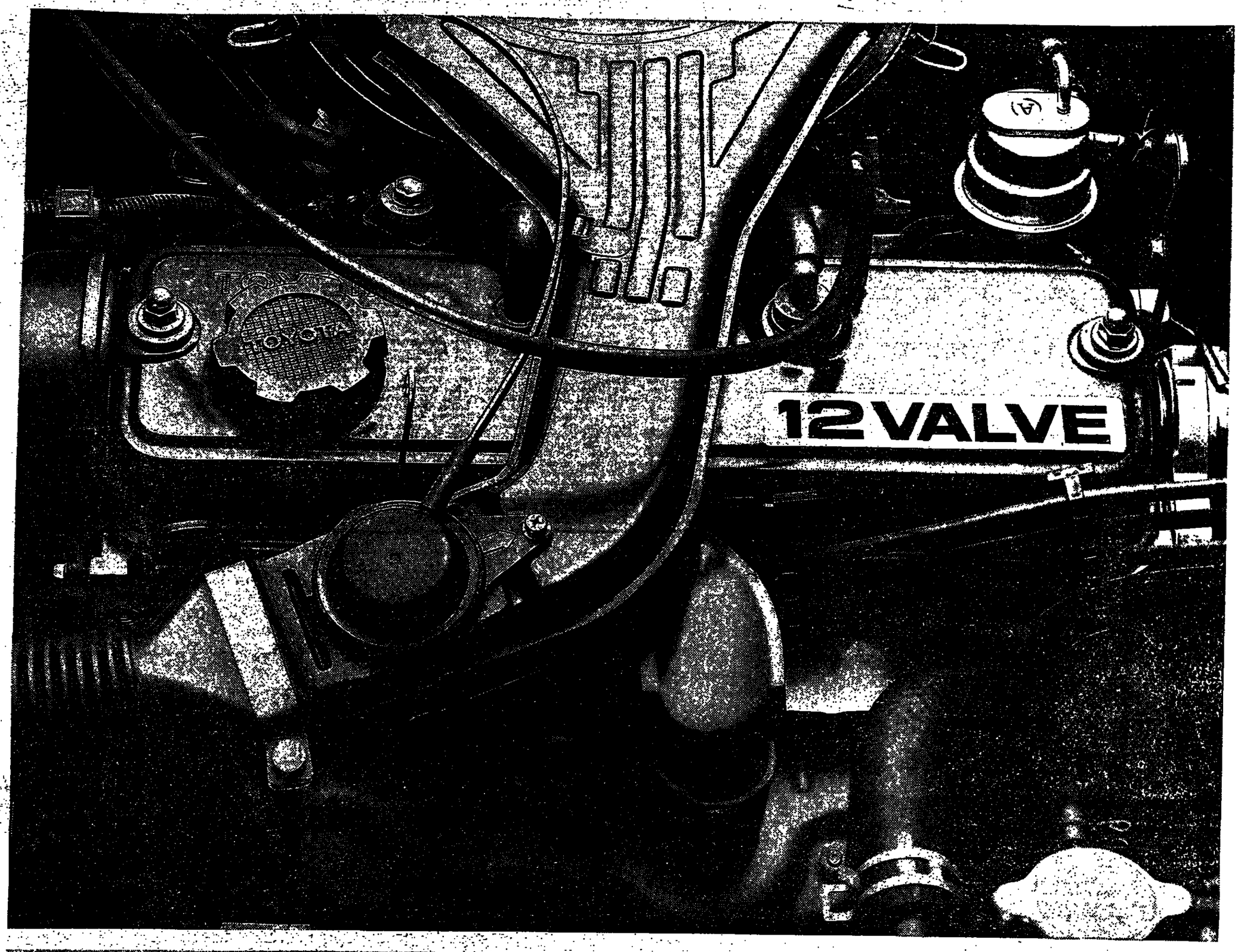
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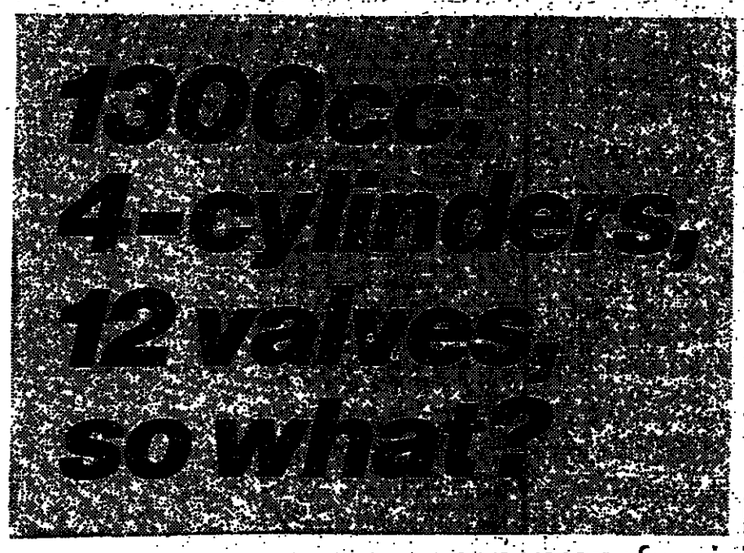
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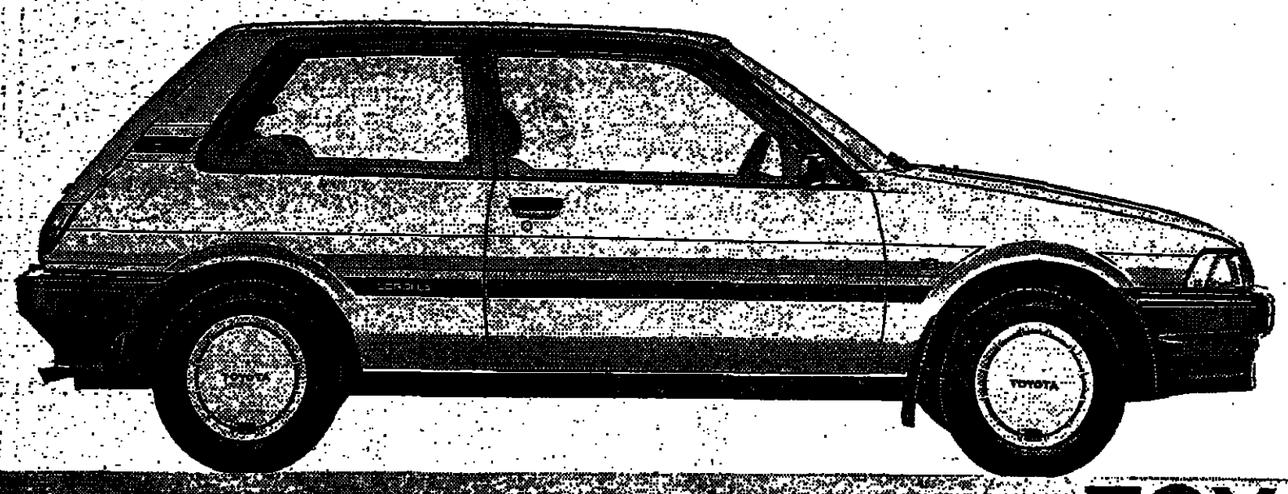
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People want to look good. Davies has given them the chance to do so at a reasonable price in a welcoming ambience: two to three good high fashion suits a year instead of one expensive one or four shoddy ones. They are shops for the YAPs, the Yuppies, the Hooray Henrys and the Sloane Rangers, down and across the social classes. His next step is into the Next person's home.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery then the string of Next-look-alikes springing like mushrooms around the country is homage to Davies. US retail gurus and tourists are said to make the South Molton Street shop their first port of call while the Japanese are clamouring to franchise the shops.

Davies, who is 42, accepts the star label with just enough embarrassment. He has grown used to being the flavour of the month, but admits that Next's success has been beyond his wildest dreams. Still, his ambitions do not stop here.

He is also a touch shell-shocked. With engaging honesty the surprise was not so much that he has been chosen as an outstanding retailer, but that a retailer had been chosen at all. This says much for the way the trade has been treated with some disdain by the industrial establishment. It also reveals Davies' charming ability to combine modesty with ruthless, bullheaded conviction. He has a gut feel for what works in the shops.

He is relaxed yet ebullient: a comfortable manner owing much perhaps to early years as an ace salesman for Pippa Dee, selling women's clothes, at suburban coffee mornings.

For him the phenomenal growth of the 300 Next shops lies in the way three essential ingredients have been brought together: financial skills, the selling instinct and excellent product innovation. He describes it as a "carefully planned exercise in marketing and merchandising stemming from intuition and experience."

"The selling and product are gut, but the financial came a little harder. Now that I have learnt the jargon I can of course afford not to use it." The special quality about Davies is that he has used his flair and skills to make him an architect of a new type of retailing: he is selling a style of life, not just a range of clothes.

To Davies, Next is a large family. "I never forget that I don't own the business. I am one of the workers. My background keeps me on my toes. Whatever is good for the shareholders is good for the staff," he says.

The greatest kick for him has been that growth has allowed Next to take on over 1,000 new and young staff. Nearly all his shop managers are in their early twenties. Davies has also set up three staff councils covering retail, office and management workers which are used as forums for dialogue, complaints, or whatever. He is in the middle of organising a unique agreement with USDAW, the main retail union, since Next has no union representation. He particularly admires the John Lewis partnership for its workers' structure, but is more likely to vote SDP than Labour.

He likes money but does not flaunt it. He earns £80,000 a year with profit related bonuses as chief executive of Hepworth, the Next master group, but says the thrill is seeing the business grow for everyone. The former Hepworth boss drove a £45,000 Bristol but Davies chose not to keep it on. He sees no contradiction between his political leanings and his role in the business world.

Davies based his strategy on a glaring gap in the 25 to 40-year-old women's fashion market who he believed wanted classless, styled but fashionable clothes at the right price. And, crucially, the "right aspirational image."

At the top end he saw Jaeger and pricy exclusive European labels. At the bottom a mass of rather shoddy, badly made high fashion togs.

From outside, Next's secret appears to rely on a rather simplistic conceptual formula of selling: disciplined range of coordinated clothes with the right range of toning accessories from bags to shoes. He provided clothes for women, as Davies perceived, who actually found shopping around to match up an outfit rather a bore. He gave them open plan but intimate shops in subdued decor with lots of fitting rooms. Staff never pounce nor ignore.

His small design team, importantly working from Leicester head office and not London, bring out five high season collections with a short life span. As soon as a new season is welcomed in the old is ushered out. Clothes are sold off via a handful of "sale" shops although backnumbers can be tracked down to central office.

All these basic principles have been applied to Next Man, so far they are working formidably: he has proved that Next was not a flash in the pan. In August last year 16 Next M shops opened and today there are 100. Where possible Next women and men are put together in the old Hepworth stores which are slowly being closed down. Davies is only too aware that 70 per cent of the women influence the clothes their male partners/husbands buy. Women actually buy about 30 per cent of all menswear. As he put it, "In every Next woman there is a Next husband or son."

Several mini-stores including florists and cafes have, and are, being opened. Next accessories, particularly shoes, are growing fast. In September Next opens a chain of 35 soft furnishings shops for home decor. Future plans, which should take Next into the difficult US market, are tightly kept under wraps. But Davies threatens that if Next goes across the Atlantic it will do it properly. He believes the secret to the US shopper is getting the right people who know the US market inside and out.

For the moment the City is in love with Davies. You can see why. He joined Hepworth in 1981, when fortunes were flagging. He was given the task of drawing up a brief for its chain of fuddy duddy Kendall's women's shops. He was given two months and possible £1,000 compensation if they didn't like it.

"I had just resigned from Pippa-Dee — the Rosgill group — and had nothing to lose. I could stick dogmatically to my own ideas which I had had for some time," he says. Next has emerged very close to his original idea.

In 1982 Hepworth's profit slumped to £3.9 million after a peak of £13.6 million in 1978. Last August profit soared by 59 per cent to £13.6 million. Next women contributed all the rise in retail profit. Pundits are going for as much as £20 million this year.

Davies is now under the spotlight of both the City and rivals like the Burton group, Marks and Spencer and other retailers, who are eagerly waiting for him to trip up. But he will waste no time looking over his shoulder. For him the challenge will be if Next, in 10 years time, with say 30,000 employees can hold on to the same family spirit and informal style.

"Every now and again when I drive around I look up at Harrods, at Debenhams or whatever and wonder what I have taken on" he says with a chuckle. "But I am convinced people want good, stylish places. But you've got to be sincere about what you do and know your market."

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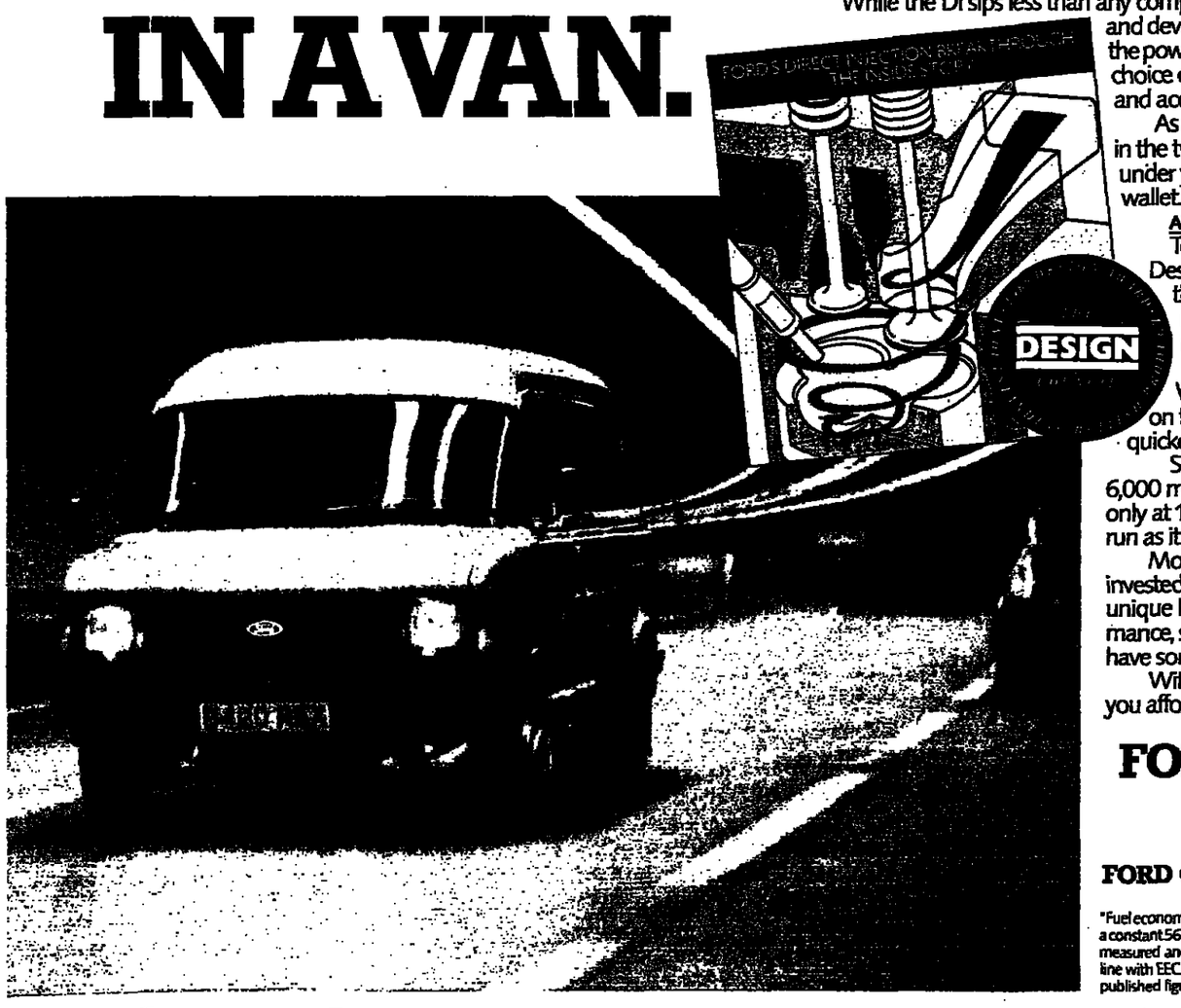
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IT'S LIKE HAVING EVERY EIGHTH GALLON FREE.

Complaints are growing about the elections to find Moss Evans's successor. John Torode argues that the TGWU is not corrupt. But its secretive, ramshackle structures are no longer adequate.

Opening up the branch lines



WORKING BRIEF

John Torode

OFFICIALS of the ramshackle Transport and General Workers' Union are looking into growing allegations of what are discreetly called "irregularities" in last year's branch ballots for Moss Evans's job.

So, in at least one case, is the fraud squad. The complaints already cover events in two branches in Bristol, one in London and one in Liverpool.

It is a sorry prelude to the final departure of Mr Evans and his replacement by Ron Todd. The more so because Evans and Todd have built their reputations upon the need to conduct the union in the most open, participatory and democratic manner possible.

Earlier this month, Evans told the Sunday Times that the union had some 9,000 branches and 1.5 million people eligible to vote. He stated "positively and unequivocally" that the union had received only three "specific" complaints. He appealed to the public to send him any other evidence about the conduct of the vote, adding that the union had nothing to hide.

Specific complaints may be limited, but rumours abound. One is that if you add the number of votes cast to the number of unused ballot papers you come up with almost 100,000 more ballot papers printed than were necessary for the entire eligible membership. Then it is suggested that some branches registered quite astonishingly high turnouts. Why, ask the cynics, all those extra voting papers? And were they floating free as air around assorted branch offices during the crucial ballots?

Things are made worse by the bureaucratic refusal of the union to tell its members — far less the capitalist press — which branches were disqualified; which members are cutting up rough, and why. Suspicion breeds in a hothouse atmosphere of secrecy. And secrecy is incompatible with the Cousins, Jones, Evans, Todd commitment to open government.

What went wrong? Well, some time back, during the elections for the Labour leadership under the new electoral college (which allows unions a 40 per cent say in the outcome) Moss Evans gave a clue. He was asked why his union had not directly consulted its members by secret postal ballot before casting its massive block vote in their collective name.

Mr Evans's reply was twofold: the cost would be prohibitive and, anyway, the union did not know who was eligible to vote. All of which rightly infuriated a lot of his members. They saw it as indicating a pretty casual approach both to democratic norms and to the management of one of the largest unions in the free world. It was taken by many commentators as both evasive and arrogant.

Not so. Mr Evans has an endearing tendency to blurt out what he believes in — even when it does him precious little good. He is a straight up-and-down sort of bloke.

But, to revert to Evans's question of cost: nobody has ever claimed that democracy is the cheapest system of government known to man. It is generally regarded as being a good idea on moral grounds or, more pragmatically, because it is a convenient way of legitimising controversial choices and holding mighty empires together. Ask the NUM leaders who ducked a ballot at the start of their strike and split the union.

Postal ballots are expensive. But certainly not prohibitively so to a well-run union. The AUEW and the EETPU have been using them for years — and fooling the bill. Now they are flirting with accepting government financing available under the Conservatives' assorted Employment Acts. Other unions — my own, the National Union of Journalists, among them — conduct a positive flood of postal ballots each year. On principle, they refuse government funding.

So it is perfectly possible for unions, great or small, to carry the burden of postal ballots if they choose. The TGWU does not choose.

The other difficulty — eligibility (indeed, membership), is more genuinely problematic to the TGWU. In a political ballot things are at their most difficult. The union has first to identify its members and then pick out those who pay the political levy and so are eligible to take part in the voting.

The one-off vote which gave Ron Todd his job for life should not have been that difficult. All the union had to do was to determine whether you were a member in good standing and had been so for three months. Then you were entitled to cast your vote, if you cared to turn up at the right branch meeting. To the union's credit, that vote, once cast, was registered individually.

Things go wrong in the TGWU in good part, because the union is a ramshackle empire, made more so by the merger mania of the past two decades. The union's trade groups sprawl across the whole of British industry. Tacked on to them are all sorts of more or less autonomous units made up from earlier independent unions. Each has its own practices and its own terms and conditions of merger.

Beyond that is the nature of much of the TGWU membership. At the unskilled, casual, part-time end of the scale, people slip in and out of the union also as casually as they once slipped in and out of jobs. There is not the clear continuity of membership you find among printers, miners or skilled engineering workers. Now check-off is common, there must be many TGWU members who do not know they are in a union, far less which one. Lack of information is a two way street.

Ron Todd was elected on a platform which said that, policywise, everything in his union's policy garden was lovely. The trouble was the appalling lack of communication. He intended to modernise, computerise and communicate away like mad.

Now is his chance. There is no great national conspiracy. There is arrogance, incompetence and an outdated electoral system which places impossible burdens upon the branches. It is all compounded by obsessive secrecy. Todd could profitably look both at what went wrong, and, more importantly, why. And then he should tell his members how the system can be improved.

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Now the dollar has lost its virility, the US is gaining interest in intervention

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Alex Brummer

OF ITSELF the Ohio banking crisis, as it has been grandiloquently described, is likely to be seen as a small blip in the long-range scan of financial history. But small blips can often cause huge waves as devotees to the Credit Anstalt theory of the Great Depression would testify.

The Ohio debacle is clearly important for at least two reasons. First, it took an apparent (but not real) threat to the banking system to stem the seemingly inexorable rise of the dollar which has been going on since Mr Paul Volcker arrived at the Federal Reserve.

Second, after more than two years of robust recovery in the American economy the collapse of ESM Securities in Florida and its impact on the Ohio savings and loans may be part of the shake-out which nearly always occurs as the boom phase of the trade cycle grinds to a halt. Such changes in pace for the economy tend to show the fissures in the financial system, as, for instance, the fringe banking crisis in Britain in the early 1970s demonstrated.

The Ohio affair, like the fringe banking crisis, is illustrative of some serious weakness which have accumulated in the US financial system during the boom. While it is clearly insignificant in global terms — the $4 billion of deposits at stake is only a fraction of the $55 billion involved in the Continental Illinois failure last year — it does touch on some fundamental changes in the financial system in the go-go years.

The ballooning of the government securities markets as President Reagan has glibly run up the national debt has produced a new, large and unregulated industry of government securities dealers who are at the heart of the financial system but without the usually watchful eye of the Federal Reserve or the Securities and Exchange Commission. There was a smell of this before when the collapse of Drysdale Government Securities sandbagged no lesser a bank than Chase Manhattan.

This time round when ESM Government Securities, another fringe operator in this multibillion dollar market, fell apart it was the inexperienced Ohio savings and loans which suffered. The story of how ESM became involved with the Home State Savings Bank of Cincinnati (the core institution in the affair) is more to do with political friendships and weak auditing than anything else. But the conditions which made it possible are largely the result of what many economists believe is an irresponsible fiscal stance.

It will without doubt not be too difficult to close the holes in the leaky regulatory umbrella created by the ESM/Ohio mess. Indeed, there are already healthy signs of progress on this front.

The SEC is focusing closely on the securities dealers although the view on the debt market is that the lighter tiller of the Federal Reserve, with its fundamental understanding of the government debt markets and their sensibilities, would be a better master. The Federal Reserve, for its part, is somewhat reluctant to set up a formal reporting system for the 36 or so bona fide brokers because of concern that to do so may be seen as granting them some kind of central bank seal of approval.

Similarly, efforts to switch the savings and loans in Ohio from the clearly insufficient state and private insurance system to the better funded and more rigorous federal umbrella are plainly sensible. The private/state insurance is clearly an anachronism in an age of increasingly national financial services. Indeed, there are signs that some four or so other states with similar systems to Ohio will also seek federal shelter.

No doubt some of the Ohio savings and loans will never again open their doors because of insufficient care to their balance sheets. But a few minor savings collapses in Ohio, with the Federal Reserve standing ready to help, hardly represents the challenge to the American financial system which the foreign exchanges worried about last week.

The currency markets are clearly right to be worried about the instabilities of the US economy. The real question here perhaps is what took them so long. If Ohio truly proves to be the watershed for the dollar's value then it could serve a purpose. Indeed, cynics might argue that the tardiness with which the federal authorities came to the help of Governor Richard Celeste of Ohio, during the saving and loan debacle, was a subliminal attempt to bully the markets into a reverse.

Certainly, it has changed the talk in Washington from the virility of a superdollar which is set on a course ever onwards and upwards to discussion here and in Europe of that old favourite, the "soft landing." Most experts agree that at current levels the dollar is some 40 to 50 per cent overvalued against the major European currencies and perhaps 25 per cent against the Japanese yen. The trick is to try to restore some balance in the currency markets without dragging the world economy into a horrendous downward spiral.

All kinds of ideas are surfacing. They range from the relatively extreme forms of interventionalism (in its broadest sense) represented by the concept of an International Open Markets Committee to the milder ideas of a look at remodelling the international currency system coming from the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, who has, until now, shown little inclination to get to grips with the most serious international economics problem facing the administration.

As well as marking a watershed in the foreign exchanges, Ohio may well mark the turning point for the real economy too. Of course the two events are interrelated. As has been evident for some time it is not possible for a country to go on sucking in ever greater volumes of imports without seriously undermining the nation's industrial and agricultural base.

The "flash" forecast of first-quarter gruss national product showed the chickens coming home to roost. While this particular statistic is regarded by many economists as notoriously unreliable (because of frequent revisions in later months) it does have the merit of providing a sense of direction.

It certainly cannot be discounted. A whole slew of other data in recent days has pointed in the same direction of a slowing domestic economy. The view of both government and business is that the slowdown this time is not the result of Mr Volcker's efforts — far from it, he has been keeping the money flowing — but has spilt over from the external account. Industry and consumers are simply buying abroad because the dollar at current levels makes every other industrial economy (not to mention the developing countries) look like a bargain basement in comparison with Made in America.

There is a certain irony in the spillover from the international arena to the domestic economy. To all intents and purposes the American media and public, living in their continental self-absorption, regard the dollar and trade deficits as something foreigners worry about and they can ignore. The confluence of Ohio, international debt and a sluggish economy is finally bringing the problem home

Family entitled to privacy, says Harrods chief

Al-Fayed secrecy defended

By Tony May

Professor Roland Smith yesterday defended the right of the Al-Fayed family, whose £615 million offer for the House of Fraser Stores group he, as chairman, has recommended, to keep their business affairs private. He also gave an insight into how the business will run in future.

Asked why the formal offer document from the Al-Fayed Investment and Trust UK did not contain much new information AIT, the Liechtenstein-based holding company through which the family is operating, he said that it was "a private company because the family wished to keep its affairs private."

He repeated that the Fraser Group's City advisers were satisfied that the Al-Fayeds had the cash to buy the business — they already have over half the shares — and he was pleased with the assurances they had given on the future of the group and its employees.

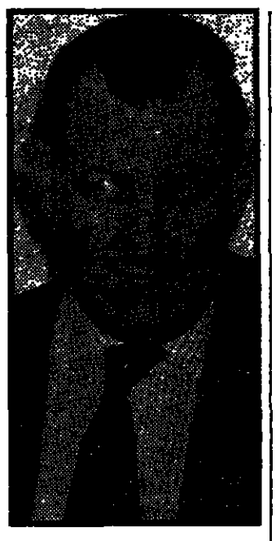
He said that the "management would manage" and that if the group needed additional finance the Al-Fayeds had indicated they could make it available. The group would not have to turn to the City.

The document confirms that Harrods is regarded as "an integral part of the group" and the present group structure will be maintained.

On a personal note Prof. Smith said that the doubling of his salary to £100,000 was merely approved by the Al-Fayeds and had been in the pipeline before their bid. Considering how busy the group has kept him over the past five years, it is amusing to note that his 1980 service contract obliges him to work "not less than two-and-a-half days per week."

The offer document shows that the group hoisted its profits from £38.7 million to £48 million in the year to January 26, which helps to explain Prof. Smith's bonus of £30,000 for that year.

Shareholders are told that the Al-Fayed family is an "old established Egyptian family" with interests in three continents. The holding company is wholly owned by the brothers Mohamed, Salah and Ali Al-Fayed, has 10 shares of $100,000 each owned by them and its "only significant assets consist of interest-free loans from the brothers and bank borrowings."



Professor Roland Smith—salary doubled to £100,000

Plan for 'backdoor taxation' attacked

PROPOSALS from the Treasury to extend powers to control the financing of nationalised industries will encourage their use "as a source of backdoor taxtion," Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council, told the consumer Congress at the weekend.

People on low incomes would be hardest hit by this levying of extra tax, and the gas and electricity industries in particular would lose more control over their own pricing systems.

"No machinery for consulting with consumers' representatives is proposed and indeed, the document containing the proposals was brought out without all the relevant consumer bodies being consulted, which hardly augurs well for the future. Recent decisions in the water industry should put us on our guard," Mr Montague told delegates.

He regretted that the Government had ignored the anger and outrage of consumer organisations and many MPs following last year's decision to oblige the electricity industry to put its prices up 2 per cent more than economically justified.

Mr Montague said he was worried by government proposals to take powers to dismiss members of nationalised industry boards for no particular reason.

"Once appointed, board members' responsibility should be to the industry they are running and the shareholders — us — and consumers. They should not be looking over their shoulder the whole time, wondering if they will be sacked if they do not dance to the tune of the government of the day."

The National Consumer Council would also like to see the Government's insolvency bill strengthened, to give consumers more protection against incompetent or fraudulent directors of companies which go out of business.

It was "wicked," Mr Montague said, that consumers should come last in the queue for payment out of a bankrupt firm's assets and might get no money back whatsoever.

Key phrase dropped from pesticide code

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

Campaigners attempting to restrict the export of dangerous pesticides to Third World countries are facing defeat at the hands of pesticide manufacturers and Western governments.

Pressure groups led by Oxfam have campaigned to make it essential for Third World governments to give their "prior informed consent" before dangerous pesticides are shipped to their shores. These key words had been drafted into the international code which Britain and other big pesticide-producing countries have sworn to abide. The restriction, Oxfam believes, would have helped to reduce the 10,000 deaths by accidental pesticide poisoning which are estimated to occur in developing countries every year.

But now the words "prior informed consent" have been deleted from the latest draft of the international code of conduct drawn up by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Strong pressure from the pesticide manufacturers' lobby and Western governments eager to boost their balance of payments is believed to have caused the crucial caveat to be dropped.

As a signatory to the FAO Britain is obliged to adhere to its guidelines. Pesticide campaigners were therefore surprised to hear Lord Belstead, the junior Agriculture Minister, reaffirm to the House of Lords in January that Britain would honour "all its international obligations" on pesticide exports. Now they suspect he had prior reason to believe that the "prior informed consent" clause would be stricken from the code.

Lobbyists for the Third World were travelling to the Rome Headquarters of the FAO this weekend in the hope of convincing the secretariat to re-instate the clause.

The Government has argued that export restrictions do not need to be written into Britain's current pesticide legislation because existing international safeguards are satisfactory

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cheaper loans

LLOYDS Bank is offering a discount to new home loan borrowers. The half per cent discount will apply to all new repayment and endowment loans agreed between now and June 28. The reduction will be maintained on the prevailing Lloyds Bank home loan rate until June 30 next year.

On the current repayment rate of 13.25 per cent, customers with a £30,000 mortgage will save £11.40 gross, £7.41 net, on their initial monthly repayment.

WARDAIR, the Canadian charter airline, has cancelled flights to Liverpool and abandoned plans for a service to Leeds/Bradford. The company blamed a slump in traffic to North America as a result of the poor exchange rate for Britons, the effects of the miners' strike on people's spending power on Merseyside and in Yorkshire, and a lack of support for inbound services to these airports from the Canadian public.

NORWAY'S Oil Minister, Mr Kaare Kristiansen, said in Qatar that he felt oil prices would weaken soon, although he added that they would recover later.

Latin America starts to revive but living standards stagnate

By Peter Rodgers

The profound recession in Latin America appears to have turned round, the Inter-American Development Bank says in with its annual meeting, which starts today in Vienna.

But in spite of the signs of recovery, the recession continues to have severe repercussions. Though the region's gross domestic product rose 2 per cent last year, living standards have not begun to rise.

At the end of 1984 the Latin American economy was almost exactly the same size as in 1980 but in the intervening four years the labour force had risen by at least 15 million and the population by more than 33 million. The economic recovery last year was only enough to stop the decline in living standards per head of population, which had suffered severely when GDP fell 3.3 per cent in 1982 and 5.3 per cent in 1984 during the height of the austerity measures brought about by the international debt crisis.

The report says that "Latin America showed its resiliency by completing yet another year of difficult adjustment. More importantly, it generated an additional large trade surplus — a surplus based partly on increased exports and not just on a reduction in imports, as happened in 1983."

The debt restructuring so far had not been enough allow most Latin American countries to service their debt normally, by voluntary private bank lending.

The Latin American current account deficit was much reduced in 1984, at $3 billion, compared with $9 billion in 1983 and $40 billion in 1982 when the debt crisis broke. Interest payments were 35 per cent of total export earnings compared with 36 per cent in 1983 and 39 per cent in 1982.

The report says it is unclear whether the 1984 recovery halted the four year slide in investment throughout the region, and satisfactory growth would not be resumed without a resurgence in investment. Along with the need to increase imports, investment remains a critical issue for Latin America, says the IADB.

Last year's IADB lending was $3.567 billion, bringing the bank's cumulative lending over its 25-year history to $27.8 billion.

No major initiatives are expected at the Vienna meeting, which comes a few weeks ahead of discussions on world debt issues at the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and the Development Committee of the World Bank, in Washington. However there may be discussion of lagging US payments to the IADB, complicated by the politics of the Reagan Administration's involvement in Central America.

The leaders of the new Argentine and Brazilian economy teams will not be in Vienna because they are said to be too busy just after taking office. Both countries are having difficulties meeting their IMF targets, and the fund has suspended its loans to Brazil.

● Mexico is to obtain a $165 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank. The loan is designed to develop agriculture and livestock breeding. Mr Rod Chapman, IDB press and information officer for Europe, said the Mexican loan would run over 20 years at variable interest rates linked to the cost the IADB meets to raise the money.

Ironmonger joins rush to market

By our Financial Staff

The rush to market by rising companies continues this week with USM flotation of Laidlaw Thomson, the "largest independent architectural ironmonger in the UK." The company acts as designer, distributor and consultant in architectural ironmongery.

Fielding Newsom-Smith is placing 1.6 million shares (30.6 per cent of the equity) at 82p, capitalising the group at £4.36 million. Of the shares being offered 5 per cent will go to employees and the board expects that over 40 per cent of them will be shareholders after the issue. Over the past five years the group has seen its turnover almost double and its profits more than treble to £586,000.

Another offer for sale — but from the very well-established Blagden Industries — is really part three of a complex re-construction which will transform the steel drum group. Shareholders are being offered 14.5 million shares, of which nine million are offered at 112p.

They can be had on a three-for-10 basis while bigger tranches can be had by tendering at a higher rate than 113p. A striking price of about 120p seems likely, compared with the 130p at which the shares were suspended.

Finally "Shorrock horror" was the reaction to our statement that the security group is coming to the USM. It is in fact after a full Stock Exchange quotation.

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This invitation to Tender is addressed solely to production companies — Amalgamations, Company Representatives and other intermediaries being excluded in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 78.02 of 11 February, 1978, concerning State Monopoly on Foreign Trade.

Companies interested in this Invitation to Tender may obtain specifications from the following address: Enterprise Nationale des Travaux aux Puits, Direction des Approvisionnements, 16 Route de Meftah, Oued Smar El-Harrach, Alger, Algeria, as from the date of publication of this Invitation to Tender on payment of the sum of 400.00 D.A.

Tenders drawn up in five (05) copies should be sent in double sealed and registered packet to the Secretariat of the Direction Approvisionnements.

The outer envelope must be anonymous, carrying no marking except the following endorsement "Appel D'Offres National Et International No. 1982.1M/DIV Confidentiel — A Ne Pas Ouvrir."

The Tenders should arrive by Saturday, 27 April, 1985, by 12.00 hours.

The option period shall be 180 days as from the closing date of this Invitation to Tender.

July target for new talks on cocoa deal

COMMODITIES

Robin Stainer

Doubts whether the erratic cocoa market can ever be brought under effective international control have been intensified by the failure of the latest round of negotiations — the third so far — on a new price-stabilisation agreement. The five weeks of talks in Geneva, attended by officials from 70 cocoa-trading nations, adjourned a week ago without setting a date for reconvening and with producers and consumers still wide apart on the crucial issue of the minimum price a new pact should seek to guarantee.

The final resolution of the conference requested its president, Mr Rene Montes of Guatemala, to hold consultations with participating governments to find a basis for further negotiations that would offer a good chance of a successful conclusion. If he can, then he will ask Unctad to set a date for a fourth round. It is expected that these consultations will culminate in July, when officials from signatories of the present cocoa accord, which expires in September, meets in London to decide whether it should be extended for up to a year.

The present International Cocoa Agreement (ICCA) entered into force in 1981, weakened by the refusal of the US and the Ivory Coast — respectively the biggest importer and exporter — to join and the lack of sufficient cash to carry out its price-support role, through buffer stock buying, in the then oversupplied market. Funds soon ran out and further intervention buying was officially suspended indefinitely two years ago.

Since then, more than $120 million has been accumulated from a levy on cocoa traded between ICCA members, which would be transferred to any new pact.

The latest round of negotiations had been widely seen as the last chance to draw up a replacement ICCA. The fact that it left the door open to another session is a measure of its relative success. Differences were narrowed to an extent that many negotiators thought impossible beforehand, but the most significant concessions — by the producers on prices — came too late to save the talks from failure.

But, with both producers and consumers — including the EEC hardliners — hinting that they could modify their final offers on prices, the basis for a compromise in the future is just possible.

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25th March, 1985

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Chatsworth House, 59 London Road,
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—EAST MIDLANDS

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For full details send an SAE to:

Jennifer Lewis,
Visual Arts Secretary,
West Midlands Arts,
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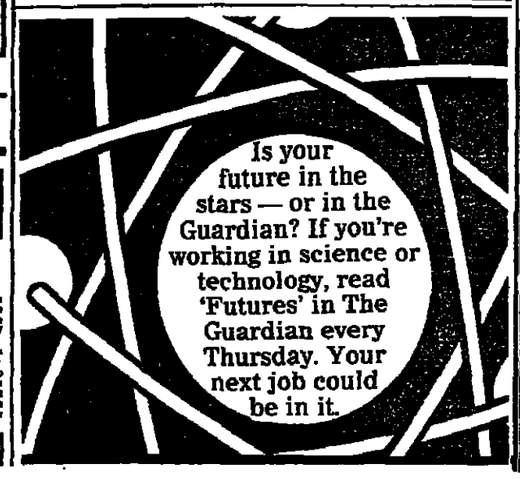
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Richard Baerlein

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Another four-year-old, Langton Abbot, medium of the greatest gamble in which I have ever been involved, won equally easily in 1946 but he carried 8st 2lb, not a record 9st 10lb. It is a curious coincidence that Greville Starkey, Cataldi's rider, had previously set up the highest weight carrying performance at 9st 5lb on Frankincense in 1968.

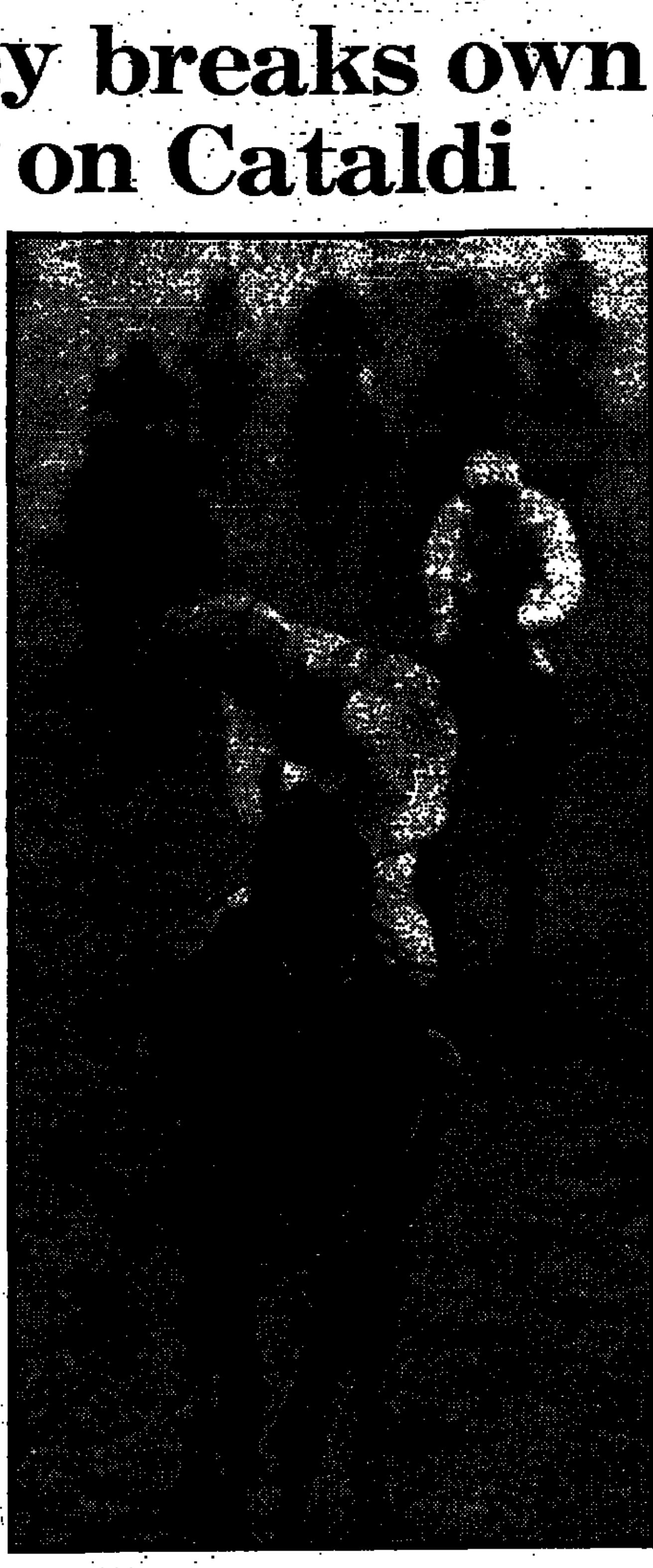
Starkey won the race again on Fair Season in 1979 but Saturday's victory was his star performance. Drawn 8, as was Saving Mercy a year ago, it was not long before he moved into the number one position and he drove for home from half way as if to tease those who thought the race might prove too sharp for him.

Including 1980, the last six winners have been drawn 2, 9, 22, 5, 8 and 8, and King's Glory did not race in the 22 position but up the centre of the course. Those on the stand side on Saturday were always in a hopeless position and the form can be ignored.

In the procession behind the winner only Joyful Dancer, five lengths adrift at the line and from the number 12 draw, was able to acquit himself with any credit on ground he does not relish and unable to make the running as he likes.

Starkey was more confident than trainer Guy Harwood that Cataldi would give his best performance when fresh. Now, Harwood is positive his horses went back in the last three weeks of last season and this explains why Cataldi did not live up to his Dubai Champion Stakes form when fourth to Palace Music next time out.

Although Harwood's horse had the advantage of the draw this time, he would certainly have won the race in 1981 had Heron's Hollow, second to Saher, had a good draw.



Cataldi and Greville Starkey first, the rest nowhere, in Saturday's Lincoln

Nevertheless, I find it quite amusing to reflect that a pacemaker in the Derby, which was Cataldi's lot on behalf of Alphabatim, could turn out to be good enough to break all records in a subsequent handicap.

Cataldi at 10-1 was also the longest priced favourite ever to win and only the second favourite to score in the last 18 years. The other was Captain's Wings at 13-2 in 1978.

The result has caused a massive tightening up in the Seagram Grand National betting as some firms maintain they have contracted enormous liabilities on doubles with leading National contenders.

Nevertheless, it does take some explaining to the layman that the favourite can start at 10-1 in a field of 26, yet there are four horses at 8-1 or less in the 40 runner National with some 30 fences to jump.

It seems very odd value, yet that is the position with Hills and Corals, and except that they offer Corbiere at 10-1, Ladbrokes and the Tote have three at under 10-1. Hills and Corals say that it was the worst possible result.

Corals have six-figure doubles with all the market leaders in the National and have surprisingly made Corbiere the 13-2 favourite. They report that the 1983 winner was the medium of two bets of £1,000 after they had reduced his price to 7-1 on Saturday evening. That cannot be very clever punting where there is 10-1 on offer in at least two places.

As I've said before, when the nation had seen Richard Dunwoody on the Terry Wogan programme on Friday evening, West Tip will surely capture the public's imagination next day. Corals and Hills offer him at 8-1, the others go no more than 7-1.

The Tote are offering 2-1 against an Irish victory and 6-1 against a lady trainer. As Greasepaint and Drumlargan are the only Irish runners with any hope and a back-up to Jenny Pitman and Corbiere, is my old friend, Peaty Sandy, trained by Helen Hamilton, I do not find the Tote odds very good value.

Certainly both Corbiere and Peaty Sandy would love the conditions as they were at Doncaster on Saturday but two dry days at Aintree can wipe out all that.

Steve Cauthen opened his season's account in style in the Mail on Sunday Three-Year-Old series, riding Christian Schad for Charles and St George. This colt was sent out by Ben Hanbury, though the majority of the owners' horses are trained by Henry Cecil. In an open market Christian Schad ended up favourite at 11-2 and he strolled home by seven lengths from Pheon.

Hanbury, with Kala Dancer, one of the favourites for the 2,000 Guineas, was certainly encouraged to produce a three-year-old of this ability so early in the season. Charles St George wants Christian Schad to run in the Italian 2,000 Guineas.

In the unsaddling enclosure Hanbury, when told how far his horse had won said, "I thought the top jockeys were not meant to win by such large distances."

Philip Mitchell, having campaigned John Patrick successfully three times at Cagnes, made no secret of his confidence in the colt winning the Cammidge Trophy. Yet John Patrick still started at 20-1 and after he had won from the highest draw under the stand rails, my theory that only a low draw in the following Lincoln Handicap would have any chance came under severe criticism.

I pointed out that races over five and six furlongs are in an entirely different category to a mile as far as the draw is concerned and so it proved.

Big doubt about Doughty's fitness

Harry Heymer

Backers of Hallo Dandy for the Seagram Grand National will not be pleased to know that his successful rider last year, Neale Doughty, will almost certainly miss the ride next Saturday.

Doughty dislocated his shoulder in a fall at Worcester last Wednesday and although he felt fine after riding work at Gordon Richards stable over the weekend, he has been told by Dr Michael Allen that an injury of this type normally takes two weeks to heal. Doughty is due for another examination by the Jockey Club medical officer on Thursday and he is not optimistic about his chances.

Jonjo O'Neill, who has yet to complete the course in the National and is still without a definite booking for next Saturday's version, is going to turn his talents to the flat tomorrow, partnering Silver Prospect for trainer Reg Hollinshead in the Auchans Maiden Stakes at Ayr.

Hollinshead has also booked the Irishman for Afzal in the Whitbread Pale Ale Hurdle on Thursday at Liverpool and Out Of The Gloom in the Glenlivet Novices Hurdle on Saturday.

Flat meetings at Leicester, Ayr and Folkestone this afternoon, however, are more immediate problems, not the least of which is finding a nap. Fitness rather than ability is often the relevant factor at this stage of the game and for this reason I look to Thursday's Doncaster winner, TIVIAN (3.45) to land a quick double at Folkestone.

At Ayr the pick are DUKE OF MILLTIMBER (2.0) and KING'S BADGE (4.0), while at Leicester course and distance winner RIDGEFIELD (3.15), the mount of Greville Starkey, and DURHAM PLACE (3.45) make most appeal.

FOLKESTONE

1 45 Dons Chorus
2 15 Cedees
2 45 Topsoil
3 15 Schula (nb)
3 45 TIVIAN (nap)
4 15 Orinda Original

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best over 5 and 6f. * DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING Soft

1 45—HEADCORN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £822 (13 runners).

1 (8) BOLD DASH R. Head 8-11 ... D. McKeown
2 (9) DEL BOY D. Jermy 8-11 ... G. Dickie (5)
3 (6) FORMIDABLE GEORGE K. Ivory 8-11 ... G. Morgan (7)
4 (4) GOLDEN HANDCUFF J. Bridger 8-11 ... David Eddery (7)
5 (5) MY DERYA M. Tompkins 8-11 ... R. Curant
6 (1) PASSOONER R. Head 8-11 ... B. Rouse
7 (2) SOME GUEST M. Haynes 8-11 ... W. R. Swinburn
8 (3) THE TENDER MATADOR B. Stevens 8-11 ... D. McKay
9 (13) BAKERS DOUGH Mrs S. Swift 8-8 ... J. Reid
10 (20) BEDTIME TEERS W. G. M. Turner 8-8 ... T. Williams (3)
13 (7) DONS CHORUS R. Hannon 8-8 ... L. Jones (7)
14 (12) MISS NATALIE N. Callaghan 8-8 ... A. Roper (7)
15 (11) SCOTT'S REALM R. Howe 8-8 ... S. Cattle
1984: Zantar 8-8 A McGlone 5-2 R. Hannon 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Bakers Dough, 3 Dons Chorus, 5 Miss Natalie, 6 My Derya, 8 Formidable George, 10 Some Guest.

2 15—ALKHAM SELLING HANDICAP: 6f; £758 (12 runners).

2 (4) 000/00- STREET LEVEL H. O'Neill 4-9-9 ... P. Cook
4 (12) 100000- AIR STRIKE (D) B. Stevens 4-9-7 ... D. McKay
5 (3) 230000- DISTINE H. Beasley 3-9-5 ... S. Cuddy (7)
7 (5) 000400- SOUTHERN VENTURE J. Jenkins 4-8-10 ... J. Williams
8 (1) 000000- STAR REVUE R. Head 4-8-9 ... B. Rouse
9 (9) 000000- BOAS FESTAS Pat Mitchell 5-8-9 ... R. Fox
10 (2) 203402- CEDEES M. Tompkins 5-8-9 ... C. Rutter (7)
11 (6) 000000- GREEK BANKER J. Holt 4-8-9 ... J. Reid
12 (8) 0/0000- SAM PETE K. Cunningham-Brown 4-8-9 ... L. Jones (7)
13 (11) 003/00- BURLINGTON LAD J. Perrett 6-8-9 ... N. Howe
14 (7) 430000- SITEX (D) M. Bolton 7-8-9 ... J. Matthias
16 (10) 000- YANI P. Butler 3-8-2 ... R. McGhin
1984: Our Katy 4-8-8 P. Cook 4-1 P. Kelleway 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Cedees, 3 Sitex, 4 Air Strike, 6 Distine, 7 Boas Festas, 10 Southern Venture.
TOP FORM TIPS: Cedees 8, Sitex 7, Air Strike 6.

2 45—KINGSNORTH HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £916 (7 runners).

2 (6) 000- BRUSHEEN D. Gandolfo 9-7 ... J. Reid
3 (4) 03012- TOPSOIL R. Simpson 9-5 ... K. Radcliffe (7)
4 (7) 000020- GLENMORE LOUIS B. Wise 8-13 ... A. Bond
5 (2) 000- PERSIAN KNIGHT W. Musson 8-12 ... R. Curant
6 (1) 000- ROVETZKY K. Tompkins 8-9 ... D. McKay
7 (5) 000000- PIRBRIGHT A. Davison 8-3 ... R. Fox
8 (3) 000000- BLAIR'S WINNIE Pat Mitchell 7-9
1984: Rushborough 3-7-5 T. Williams 9-2 B. Wise 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Topsoil, 7-2 Glenmore Louis, 4 Brusheen, 6 Persian Knight, 10 Rovetzky.
TOP FORM TIPS: Topsoil 8, Brusheen 7.

3 15—ALDINGTON HANDICAP: 5f; £985 (10 runners).

1 (9) 334000- DARING DISPLAY (D) R. Smyth 4-10-0 ... R. Banks (7)
4 (1) 031410- PEANDAY (C/D) H. Beasley 4-9-3 ... S. Cuddy (7)
5 (10) 100000- SCHULA (C/D) H. O'Neill 5-9-3 ... P. Cook
6 (2) 080402- CORNCHARM M. McCormack 4-9-2 ... N. Howe
7 (8) 00403-3 CAMPS HEATH * F. Durr 4-8-13 ... A. Wells (5)
9 (5) 000000- SEVEN CLUBS D. Jermy 5-8-10 ... R. Curant
10 (7) 000000- FLEET BAY * (D) K. Ivory 5-8-6 ... Paul Eddery
11 (3) 020102- MANGO MAN * Pat Mitchell 4-8-5 ... R. Fox
13 (6) 000115- LEAN STREAK * R. Simpson 3-7-9 ... K. Radcliffe (7)
14 (4) 000/00- WINDY LAD D. Wilson 6-7-7 ... T. Williams (3)
1984: Schula 4-9-5 M. Hills 20-1 H. O'Neill 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Camps Heath, 100-30 Corncharm, 4 Peanday, 9-2 Schula, 6 Mango Man, 8 Lean Streak.
TOP FORM TIPS: Corncharm 8, Camps Heath 7, Mango Man 6.

3 45—ROCHESTER STAKES: 1¼m; £1,027 (9 runners).

3 (5) 0/4312- NEWSELLS PARK (D) J. Winter 4-9-0 ... W. R. Swinburn
5 (2) 0/0002- PICCARD A. Neaves 4-9-0 ... L. Jones (7)
6 (9) 233030- SORELLANO D. Elsworth 4-9-0 ... B. Rouse
7 (8) 42300-1 TIVIAN Mrs C. Reavey 5-9-10 ... N. Day
8 (4) 000300- YOUNG BUCKERS M. Haynes ... I. Johnson
9 (6) 000000/ CAN'T SWIM R. Howe 6-8-11 ... S. Cattle
12 (3) 00/200- RHEFFANOSA Miss A. Sinclair 6-8-11 ... R. Still
13 (7) 00- ROSANNA OF TEDFOLD A. Davison 4-8-11 ... I. Johnson
17 (1) 0- TODA FORCE AVANTI A. Davison 3-7-11 ... D. McKay
1984: Mister Prelude 4-9-8 B. Raymond 4-1 M. Jarvis 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Tivian, 3 Newsells Park, 5 Sorellano.
TOP FORM TIPS: Newsells Park 8, Tivian 7, Sorellano 6.

4 15—SHORNCLIFFE STAKES: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £547 (11 runners).

1 (7) CLOVER HILL LAD M. McCormack 9-0 ... N. Howe
2 (9) 00- DISTANT CHIMES D. Murray Smith 9-0 ... N. Wigham
3 (10) 00300- FLEET SPECIAL Mrs C. Reavey 9-0 ... N. Day
5 (3) 0- JOHN STAR A. Davison 9-0 ... I. Johnson
6 (4) 0- MAGIC ISLAND G. Harwood 9-0 ... A. Clark
7 (8) 04- O'G BOY C. Britain 9-0 ... W. R. Swinburn
8 (11) 40- ORINDA ORIGINAL G. Huffer 9-0 ... M. Miller
9 (1) 00- SOUTHERN STORM B. Wise 9-0 ... A. Bond
10 (2) 00- SPALMATORI M. Madgwick 9-0 ... R. Guest
11 (6) 000- TASHONYA J. Jenkins 9-0 ... J. Williams
14 (5) INDIAN VANITY M. Francis 8-11 ... Paul Eddery
Betting forecast: 5-2 Magic Island, 3 Orinda Original, 5 Distant Chimes, 7 Fleet Special, 8 O'G Boy, 10 Southern Storm.
TOP FORM TIPS: Magic Island 8, Orinda Original 7, O'G Boy 6.

AYR CARD

2 00 Duke of Milltimber
2 30 Absonant
3 00 Oyston Estates
3 30 Lady Locket
4 00 King's Badge
4 30 Bazook

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best over 7f and above GOING: Good
* DENOTES BLINKERS

2 0—E. B. F. KIDSNEUK MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £910 (6 runners).

2 (4) COLWAY RADIAL (Colway Tyres Ltd) Denys Smith 9-0 ... M. Fry
5 (3) DUKE OF MILLTIMBER (P. Scott) P. Rohan 9-0 ... C. Dwyer
6 (2) GARDA'S GOLD (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 9-0 ... B. Coogan
7 (1) SHELLY'S RETURN (Mrs M. Jarvis) A. Jarvis 9-0 ... T. Rogers
9 (5) ABSALOUTE SERVICE (I. J. Blakey Haulage) R. Stubbs 8-11 ... M. Beecroft
10 (6) CAST PARTY (R. Sangster) J. W. Watts 8-11 ... T. Ives
1984: Star Video 9-0 M. Birch 7-4 fav M. McCormack 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-4 Duke Of Milltimber, 3 Cast Party, 9-2 Shelly's Return, 10 Colway Radial.

2 30—LADYKIRK STAKES: 3-Y-O; 6f; £843 (10 runners)

1 (2) 000- GLEN GLORY (Concorde Bloodstock) D. Chapman 8-10 ... M. Wood
2 (9) KELLYTALK (Lord Granard) J. W. Watts 8-10 ... T. Ives
3 (7) 023000- LONDON LEADER (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 8-10 ... B. Coogan
5 (10) PORT MIST (A. Sabin) A. Jarvis 8-10 ... T. Rogers
6 (4) 4000- RAINBOW RIPPLE (Miss H. Weinfeld) P. Makin 8-10 ... R. Cochrane
7 (8) 00- SCUTTLER (B. Mearns) J. Berry 8-10 ... S. Horsfall
8 (3) 04400- STRICTLY BUSINESS (Chaptime Ltd) J. Berry 8-10 ... K. Darley
9 (6) 042020- ABSONANT (Mrs A. Shaw) Mrs G. Reveley 8-7 ... E. Guest (5)
10 (1) 03- ALBACIYNA (Glenwright Bloodstock) R. Stubbs 8-7 ... M. Beecroft
11 (5) 24422- DRAGONESS (Lord H. de Walden) P. Walwyn 8-7 ... J. Mercer
1984: Indian Sign 8-10 N. Connorton 9-4 fav J. W. Watts 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Dragoness, 3 Albaciyna, 5 Strictly Business, 8 Kellytalk, 10 Absonant.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dragoness 10, Strictly Business 7, Absonant 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap: TOPSOIL (2.45 Folkestone)
Next best: TURKOMAN (3.15 Leicester)

3 0—SEAFIELD HANDICAP: 6f; £1,884 (12 runners).

1 (9) 041100- MEL'S CHOICE (C) (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 7-10-0 ... —
2 (12) 403240- AIR COMMAND (D) (Mrs I. Ryles) Mrs G. Reveley 5-9-11 ... E. Guest (5)
3 (6) 321100- BOLD REALM (D) (A. Duffield) A. Jarvis 4-9-10 ... T. Rogers
4 (11) 030100- COUTURE LES AFFAIR (D) (Couture Marketing) R. Woodhouse 4-9-7 ... S. Keightley
5 (7) 003210- MONINSKY (C/D) (R. Midgley) N. Bycroft 4-9-6 ... T. Ives
6 (5) 009000- MARY MAGUIRE (C/D) (P. Durham) D. Chapman 8-9-2 ... M. Wood
8 (1) 204100- GENTLE STAR * (D) (Mrs K. Ivory) K. Ivory 6-8-10 ... R. Cochrane
9 (4) 040400- OYSTON ESTATES (D) (R. Wilson) J. S. Wilson 9-8-6 ... M. Fry
11 (3) 003004- PRIONSAA (D) (Dowager Lady Bute) J. S. Wilson 7-8-2 ... M. Birch
12 (8) 200000- TANFEN (W. Burns) T. Craig 4-8-1 ... —
14 (10) 022002- AMAZMIA * (D) (R. Williamson) J. S. Wilson 3-7-11 ... E. Johnson
17 (2) 0300/4- MARSHAL OSTHOFF (P. Edwicker) T. Craig 6-7-7 ... N. Carlisle
1984: Mary Maguire 7-8-5 S. Horsfall 10-1 Mrs M. Nesbitt 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Bold Realm, 7-2 Moninsky, 9-2 Gentle Star, 6 Mel's Choice, 7 Couture Les Affair, 10 Oyston Estates, Prionsaa.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bold Realm 8, Gentle Star 7, Oyston Estates 6.

3 30—RAVENSPARK SELLING HANDICAP: 1m; £928 (15 runners).

1 (13) 200/03- FIDALCO (G. Brealy) W. Pearce 6-9-10 ... E. Johnson
3 (9) 2330/0- IRISH CLIPPER (A. Richardson) J. Johnson 5-9-6 ... T. Ives
4 (8) 100002- LADY LOCKET (J. Stoddart) M. Lambert 4-9-5 ... —
10 (4) 0/0300- HABAT'S MELODY * (M. Vaughan) I. Vickers 4-8-12 ... J. H. Brown (5)
11 (10) 1/4000- CAPRICORN SAINT (Mrs A. Mulligan) M. McCormack 5-8-12 ... R. Cochrane
12 (15) 031/ FAIRY DEAN (D) (D. Harrison) C. Parker 5-8-10 ... M. Wood
15 (11) 00000- PERSIAN EXPRESS (D. Chapman) D. Chapman 4-8-8 ... —
16 (7) 0000/ TUDOR DREAM (J. Clarkson) T. Craig 7-8-5 ... R. P. Elliott
17 (6) 040000- BROON'S LADY (W. Brown) K. Stone 4-8-5 ... G. Brown (7)
18 (2) 032000- TARLETON (C/D) (P. Rohan) P. Rohan 8-8-5 ... J. Quinn (7)
20 (12) 00100- LEPRECHAUN LADY (G. Corbett) S. Norton 3-8-1 ... J. Lowe
22 (14) 01300- DOMTONY (J. Berry) J. Berry 3-7-12 ... K. Darley
24 (3) 0000- WARFHILL BOY (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 3-7-8 ... M. Irving (7)
25 (5) 00040- RONANS PEARL (R. Reynolds) J. Kettlewell 3-7-7 ... S. P. Griffiths
26 (1) 000400- FAMECHECK (J. S. Wilson) J. S. Wilson 3-7-7 ... N. Carlisle
1984: Tran-Dy-Lioour 4-8-7 E. Hide 8-1 W. H. Williams 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Lady Locket, 7-2 Capricorn Saint, 5 Fairy Dean, 6 Tarleton, 8 Domtony, Fidalco, 10 Habat's Melody.
TOP FORM TIPS: Lady Locket 8, Domtony 7, Fairy Dean 6.

4 0—CARNOCK HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £1,570 (8 runners).

2 (8) 0001- SILVER CANNON (P. Wetzel) S. Norton 9-7 ... J. Lowe
3 (5) 043000- IMPECUNIOSITY (D. Landa) J. S. Wilson 9-7 ... M. Birch
5 (3) 000- DECEMBRE (G. Cooper) J. W. Watts 8-11 ... T. Ives
7 (7) 00000- GLEN-BOY-BOY (W. McClennon) K. Stone 8-7 ... C. Dwyer
8 (1) 000- HOMBRE (G. Reed) C. Thornton 8-7 ... J. Bleasdale
9 (2) 430342- KING'S BADGE (Mrs A. Craig) T. Craig 8-7 ... R. P. Elliott
10 (6) 00043- OUR DUDLEY (D. Chapman) D. Chapman 8-5 ... S. P. Griffiths (5)
11 (4) 004- CLOUD DANCER (Mrs I. Ryles) Mrs G. Reveley 8-1 ... E. Johnson
1984: Caedmon 8-9 P. Bradwell 3-1 fav C. Brittain 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Silver Cannon, 7-2 King's Badge, 5 Impecuniosity, 7 Our Dudley, 10 Cloud Dancer, Decembre.
TOP FORM TIPS: Silver Cannon 8, King's Badge 7, Our Dudley 6.

4 30—GREENAN MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 1m 3f; £872 (8 runners).

1 (4) 2343- BAZOOK (M. Al Maktoum) P. Walwyn 9-0 ... J. Mercer
2 (5) 003- COUNT COLOURS (S. Norton) S. Norton 9-0 ... J. Lowe
4 (3) 00- GREAT SCOTT (W. Perratt) K. Stone 9-0 ... C. Dwyer
5 (2) 043- GRUNDY'S PET (Mrs J. Pike) Denys Smith 9-0 ... M. Fry
8 (7) 0- MAORI WARRIOR (R. Sangster) J. W. Watts 9-0 ... T. Ives
9 (8) 0- RELKO RULER (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 9-0 ... B. Coogan
10 (1) 004400- SMOKEY GEM (P. Barrett) R. Hollinshead 9-0 ... N. Carlisle
11 (6) ZABARUCCI (A. Rachid) M. McCormack 9-0 ... R. Cochrane
1984: El Capistrano Dawn 9-0 K. Darley J. Wilson 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Bazook, 7-4 Count Colours, 6 Grundys Pet, 8 Maori Venture, 10 Smokey Gem.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bazook 9, Count Colours 7, Grundy's Pet 6.

LEICESTER

2 15 Haverhill Girl
2 45 Kiev
3 15 Ridgefield
3 45 Durham Place
4 15 Beau Vista
4 45 Bay Bazaar

DRAW ADVANTAGE: LOW numbers best over 5f & 6f
* DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Soft

2 15—KNIGHTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £885 (6 runners).

3 (2) FIRST ORBIT (Orbit Machining) M. McCourt 8-9 ... R. Wernham
7 (1) SI-LA-GAY (Mrs P. Walsh) J. Berry 7-13 ... W. Carson
8 (6) FOLLY AGAIN (J. Beresford) T. Fairhurst 7-11 ... P. Shrimpton
9 (5) HAVERHILL GIRL (G. Blum) G. Blum 7-11 ... M. Thomas
11 (4) ROBIS (F. Swain) Mrs N. Macauley 7-11 ... A. Mackay
12 (3) SHARMEENA (C. Owens) R. Hollinshead 7-11 ... W. Ryan (3)
1984: Meeting abandoned — waterlogged course.
Betting forecast: 2 Si-La-Gay, 3 Sharmeena, 4 Folly Again, 6 First Orbit, 10 Haverhill Girl.

2 45—BILLESDON SELLING HANDICAP: 1m; £637 (6 runners).

1 (6) 00/001- ASIAN KING * (C) (T. Crowson) M. Hinchliffe 4-9-10 ... S. Cauthen
2 (1) 043-0 KIEV (J. Bigg) R. Hollinshead 4-9-8 ... S. Perks
3 (3) 0000- MAID OF IRELAND (D. Wintle) D. Wintle 4-9-6 ... S. Whitworth (3)
4 (4) 00200- CARTOON (D. Cooper) Mrs N. Macauley 3-8-12 ... A. Mackay
6 (5) 040- TAWNY TEMPTRESS (Mrs G. Davison) A. Davison 3-8-0 ... M. Thomas
7 (2) 000400- JARSULA (W. Ferryan) W. Wharton 3-7-12 ... S. Dawson
Betting forecast: 9-4 Jarsula, 11-4 Kiev, 7-2 Asian King, 6 Cartoon, 8 Maid of Ireland.
TOP FORM TIPS: Kiev 9, Asian King 7.

3 15—KINGFISHER HANDICAP: 1¼m; £2,239 (14 runners).

3 (12) 002200- MERDON MONARCH (C) (J. Smith) R. Sheather 4-9-7 ... Pat Eddery
5 (13) 000001- RIDGEFIELD (C/D) (R. Doughty) D. Thom 7-9-6 ... G. Starkey
6 (9) 02300- BADWHAW (Mrs G. Wood) J. Etherington 4-9-5 ... G. Duffield
7 (2) 302442- JENNY WYLLIE (Lady H. St George) W. Wharton 4-9-3 ... S. Cauthen
9 (4) 20/200- TWO MINUTES (M. Lilley) J. Spearing 6-9-1 ... A. Mackay
10 (5) 00/00-0 STARGAZE * (P. Smith) M. Chapman 5-8-12 ... D. Dineley
13 (7) 000/ LYSIMACHUS * (T. Ramsden) M. Ryan 5-8-11 ... P. Robinson
14 (14) 00000-0 TURKOMAN * (D) (D. Sasse) D. Sasse 6-8-8 ... G. Baxter
15 (11) 0/3100- CHALET WALDEGG (A. Clapperton) D. Gandolfo 5-8-6 ... A. McGlone
16 (3) 300030- PARAMOUNT (C. Wildman) C. Wildman 4-8-6 ... R. Hills
17 (8) 300203- FOZZE (Mrs H. Mills) G. Thorner 4-8-6 ... S. Whitworth (3)
18 (10) 133300- ALFIE DICKINS (D) (Dickins Ltd) R. Hollinshead 7-8-2 ... W. Ryan (3)
19 (6) 000/30- MICK'S STAR (Ld Belper) M. W. Easterby 5-8-0 ... M. Thomas
21 (1) BOLD ILLUSION (H. Thursfield) M. W. Eckley 7-7-11 ... W. Carson
Betting forecast: 11-4 Mick's Star, 7-2 Turkoman, 5 Bold Illusion, 6 Alfie Dickins, 7 Ridgefield, 10 Fozze, 12 Merdon Monarch.
TOP FORM TIPS: Mick's Star 8, Alfie Dickins 7, Ridgefield 6.

3 45—BURTON OVERY STAKES: 3-Y-O; 7f; £3,609 (6 runners).

2 (1) 020113- SUDDEN IMPACT (R. Chiarella) G. Lewis 9-2 ... P. Waldron
5 (4) 311300- ROTHERFIELD GREYS (A. J. Bingley Ltd) C. A. Bell 8-13 ... S. Cauthen
7 (5) 212- DURHAM PLACE (C) (Mrs N. Myers) K. Brassey 8-10 ... S. Whitworth
8 (3) 010- ASTICOT (J. Ross) P. Brookshaw 8-9 ... S. Perks
10 (2) 324- ICE ATTACK (M. Fustok) P. Cole 8-8 ... T. Quinn
11 (6) 02402- CHARGE ALONG (D. McIntyre) J. Winter 8-5 ... Pat Eddery
Betting forecast: 6-4 Charge Along, 3 Durham Place, 5 Rotherfield Greys, 8 Asticot, Ice Attack, 10 Sudden Impact.
TOP FORM TIPS: Ice Attack 8, Charge Along 7.

4 15—SIMON DE MONTFORT MAIDEN STAKES: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £1,061 (9 runners).

1 (9) BEAU VISTA (Vistaplan Systems) P. Cole 9-0 ... T. Quinn
3 (4) 0000- GLENMORE CAPTAIN (Mrs D. Carvalho) D. Dale 9-0 ... A. Murray
4 (1) HARD DAY'S FLIGHT (Bernstein Housefield Ltd) K. Brassey 9-0 ... S. Whitworth (3)
6 (8) 000003- MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H. Beaufort) R. Hannon 9-0 ... A. McGlone
7 (7) 000- OPTIMOSA (J. Bigg) R. Hollinshead 9-0 ... S. Perks
9 (5) 00- SITTING BULL (Sir P. Oppenheimer) G. Wragg 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
11 (2) 0- WATER BAILIFF (K. Abdulla) G. Harwood 9-0 ... G. Starkey
13 (3) 000004- BRAY'S LADY (J. Cowan) C. Wildman 8-11 ... R. Hills
15 (6) 02242D- INTREPID LAD (A. J. Bingley Ltd) M. McCourt 8-11 ... R. Wernham
Betting forecast: 7-4 Water Bailiff, 11-4 Sitting Bull, 6 Beau Vista, 7 Hard Day's Flight, 10 Intrepid Lad, 12 Moss Empire.
TOP FORM TIPS: Water Bailiff 8, Intrepid Lad 7, Sitting Bull 6.

4 45—LODDINGTON STAKES: 3-Y-O; 6f; £1,502 (11 runners).

1 (2) 001840- MAIN STAR (T. Waite) T. Fairhurst 9-4 ... C. Coates (5)
2 (7) 123000- THE UPSTART (Bison Club) K. Brassey 9-1 ... S. Whitworth (3)
3 (5) 042108- BAY BAZAAR (T. Hughes) M. W. Easterby 8-13 ... M. Hindley (5)
6 (4) 010- LAURIE LORMAN (A. J. Bingley Ltd) M. McCourt 8-10 ... R. Wernham
8 (11) 001420- WHY TUMBLE (D) (Sir G. Glover) R. Hollinshead 8-10 ... S. Perks
9 (1) 400000- DOPPIO (A. Harrison) G. Blum 8-9 ... G. Duffield
10 (6) 002/00- SECRETARYS OFFICE * (P. Leonard) P. Mitchell 8-8 ... Pat Eddery
11 (9) 0000- HOPEFUL KATIE (D. Leslie) D. Leslie 8-5 ... M. Rimmer
12 (3) 30- PADDYSTOWN (R. Lambert) P. Candell 8-5 ... W. Carson
14 (10) ROSITA (T. Waterman) J. Winter 8-5 ... A. Kimberley
15 (8) 00- TAXMETTE (Mrs C. Davison) A. Davison 8-5 ... M. Thomas
Betting forecast: 3 Bay Bazaar, 4 Secretary's Office, 5 Why Tumble, 7 The Upstart, Laurie Lorman, 8 Paddystown, 10 Main Star.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bay Bazaar 9, Why Tumble 7, Laurie Lorman 6.

● John Thorne unveiled a useful newcomer to hurdling in Beltane the Smith, six lengths winner of the Longmynd Novices Hurdle (Div 1) at Ludlow yesterday. The 33-1 chance, who was never far off the pace, made a slight mistake two out but came again to lead on the flat. Thorne, who has been stuck on the 13-winner mark, said, "It's a relief to have a success after such a long wait. We haven't had many runners and one or two have been coughing."

● Despite his inexperience, General Chryson ran out a convincing winner of the March Novices Hurdle (Div 1) at Newbury yesterday. "He is still a big baby but should make a nice horse next year. He finished very strongly at Sandown on his debut but raced for a mile that day before the penny dropped and he knew what to do," said Josh Gifford, welcoming his 25th winner of the season. Gifford added: "We'll find another small race for him before putting him away for the season."

● Tony Woods, an 18-year-old from Drogheda, County Louth, has his first ride in public on Kalyoub, trained by John Wilson, in the Castlehill Apprentice Handicap at Ayr tomorrow. Woods, recommended to Wilson by the Irish apprentice school, previously had a spell working for Dermot Weld before joining the new master of Cree Lodge stables at Ayr.

FOCUS ON ENGLISH AND WELSH CUP SEMI-FINALS

David Irvine — Coventry 10, London Welsh 10

Exiles home with honour

RUGBY UNION

Except for the most partisan among their supporters, whose limited ambition mirrored that of their team, few with the interests of English rugby at heart will shed a tear at Coventry's failure to reach next month's John Player Cup final — even though it increased the chances of the RFU's premier trophy being annexed for the first time by the Welsh.

Though finishing no better in points scoring terms than Leicester in the previous round, London Welsh had the considerable satisfaction of being worthy beneficiaries of a 10-10 draw at Coundon Road by virtue of scoring two tries to their opponents' one.

Considering how much ball Coventry had and how much of the play was confined to the exiles' half, it was an unlikely an outcome as Ireland's victory at Cardiff a week earlier. Which just goes to show that possession is not everything; merely a means to an end.

Yet it was never very easy to determine what end Coventry were pursuing, other than an evident desire to batter the Welsh into submission. At one stage, having recovered from 0-10 to 10-10 with 23 minutes to go, it seemed as if they had achieved precisely that.

It was then that the Welsh, brilliantly prompted by Douglas, showed their character and worth. Price, despite suffering a rib crunching tackle regained his earlier control of the midfield and with Bowring and Watkins covering tirelessly, Collins achieving near-equality at the line-out and every man-jack tackling like a hero, they not only kept the Midlanders at bay but finished the stronger.

At the end, Coventry could point, with some justification, to the three relatively straightforward penalties which Fairn and Thomas missed. At the same time it was sad to see a side who 12 years earlier had fielded an all-England back line in the Twickenham final reduced to such sterile and uncompromising tactics.

Both Welsh tries came in the first half while Coventry, notoriously slow starters, were settling into their drab routine. Russell got the first, in support of a Douglas thrust, and Ebsworth the second, converted by Price, after a feint and long pass from Douglas had sent Leleu careering through.

Repeated forward drives fed by Robbins and well supported by Thomas's use of the touchline produced a Coventry try for Summers and penalties by Fairn and Thomas. Yet, having levelled the scores, the home side promptly lost their momentum

Coventry: M. Fairn; M. Summers, C. Ralston, T. Bulmore, S. Hall; M. Laker, S. Thomas; L. Johnson (captain), S. Brain, S. Wilkes, A. Gulliver, B. Kidner, M. Trumper, G. Robbins, N. Malins.

London Welsh: M. Ebsworth (P. Greenway); J. Hughes, R. Ackerman, G. Leleu, C. Rees (captain); C. Price, M. Douglas; T. Jones, B. Light, B. Bradley, T. Lewis, J. Collins, S. Russell, K. Bowring, M. Watkins.

Referee: F. Howard (Liverpool).



DOUGLAS: Brilliant prompting

David Frost
Gloucester 11, Bath 12

Horton's boot decisive

IF BATH do retain the John Player Cup when they meet London Welsh in the final at Twickenham on April 27, they will not have had a harder game than the one at Kingsholm on Saturday.

This was a magnificent match, fought out at a great pace and with refreshing chivalry by both sides. Gloucester played the more fluent rugby, at one stage of the first half winning ruck after ruck in quick succession as they whipped the ball hither and thither in search of an opening. They had the minor consolation of scoring two tries, both from threequarter movements, to Bath's one.

The outstanding feature of the match, though, was the driving play of the six loose forwards, ingeniously supported by the two scrum halves. All these players worked marvels in attack and defence, and it was Bath's tackling, as much as anything else, that won the day.

If memory serves, Horton passed the ball only once, 10 minutes from the end of the game. But this varied punting gave a measure of control to Batht's play even though he did not have much possession with which to work. London Welsh will find Bath a very difficult side to score against, and they will do well to remember that Horton was England's stand-off half in their Grand Slam season of 1980.

Horton opened the scoring with a typical dropped goal from behind a scrum, and a high punt by him to the posts set up the position from which Hill plunged over for the Bath try. Palmer converted, giving Bath a lead of 9-0, and later kicked a penalty goal from the only opportunity Gloucester allowed him.

In the clubhouse afterwards there was those who were blaming Tim Smith's goalkicking for Gloucester's defeat. It is true that he was successful with only one kick out of seven, but all his kicks, with a wet ball and on a slippery foothold, were from more awkward positions than Palmer's two. Smith can also point out that he scored both Gloucester's tries.

Bath's captain, Roger Spurrell, said publicly a long time ago that Bath would win the Cup this year. Just as Doug Smith's early prediction that the 1971 Lions would defeat the All Blacks was proved correct, so, I think will Spurrell's.

Gloucester: T. Smith; D. Morgan, R. Mogg, P. Taylor (capt), N. Price; M. Hamlin, M. Hannaford; R. Pascall, K. White, P. Blakeway, J. Brain, D. Burn, I. Smith, M. Teague, J. Gadd.

Bath: C. Martin; D. Trick, J. Palmer, A. Rees, B. Trevaskis; J. Horton, R. Hill; R. Lee, G. Bess, G. Chilcott, N. Redman, N. Gaymond, R. Spurrell (capt), P. Simpson, J. Hall.

Referee: L. Prideaux (North Midlands Society).

Sale stay on target

Manchester laid on a thoroughly cold, wet afternoon for Leicester's visit to Brooklands, where Sale were defending their unbeaten record in the National Merit Table. Furthermore, Leicester could muster only a handful of regular first-teamers and a token band of travelling support.

With all this in their favour, Sale still had to play above their recent form to win 9-3 — three penalties to one — all the points coming in the first half. As conditions got more and more sodden, the main attacking ploy was the high ball and the occasional breakaway. Both sides had their chances, handling skilfully enough, but neither had the luck to cross the line.

Sale's three penalties, coolly taken by Graham Jennion, came from pressure exerted on the less experienced Leicester forwards. Steve Smith, now Sale's reserve scrum-half, must have enjoyed sending Dusty Hare grumbling backwards to chase his inimitable grubber kicks.

Paul Dodge, Leicester's captain for the day and cut around the head in a tackle, was heavily involved in a second-half rally which all but broke Sale's defences.

Sale still have to visit Gloucester on April 20 to win the National Merit. Given their limited resources this season, victory would be a triumph for their coach, Des Seabrook.

Orrell, having fallen away of late, rescued a little self-respect by beating Wasps 6-3 in equally lousy conditions. The deciding score came shorty after half-time, when Orrell's fly-half, Glynn, dropped a goal.

Robert Waterhouse

Martyn Williams
Bridgend 10
Llanelli 24

Scarlets' cheers turn to fears

The Llanelli contingent groaned as the Cardiff v. Pontypool result was announced at St Helens, the theory being that the Scarlet runners could hold their own against Pontypool's pack, but Cardiff's all-round ability posed greater problems.

Apart from an early surge of adrenalin and some desperate second-half running by Bridgend, this semi-final was over as soon as Bridgend lost their veteran scrummaging lock, Howe, with a cut eye after 15 minutes.

Llanelli's superiority in the set-pieces was overwhelming, and with no pressure on the scrum-half Griffiths, Pearce, an outside-half, who played in three finals for Bridgend, controlled angles and options at will. His two drop-goals testified to the space he enjoyed.

After Howell Davies's early penalty for Bridgend, Llanelli's captain and lock May set up his team's first try with a neat scrum-half pass and Gravelle created space for Evans to score in the corner.

Pearce failed with the conversion but, with a penalty and drop goal, he increased Llanelli's lead before Bridgend retaliated against the run of play with a try by their only points scorer, Howell Davies.

Llanelli's two second-half tries both resulting from scrummaging drives and scored by their impressive No. 8 Phil Davies, prompted May to remark at the end that "they were fed up with comments that Llanelli were not a good scrummaging side."

Pearce repeated his penalty and drop-goal sequence and Howell Davies, before wrenching three in the last minute, kicked a penalty. By then all thoughts had turned towards April 27 and Cardiff's challenge, a repeat of the 1973 final.

Bridgend: H. Davies; M. Titley, J. Apsee, S. Parfitt, S. Grabham; D. Thomas, H. Llewellyn; I. Stephens, C. Hillman, M. Griffiths, D. Arthur, B. Howe (J. Morgan), C. O'Callaghan, G. Williams (captain), M. Budd.

Llanelli: M. Gravelle; P. Lewis, P. Morgan, N. Davies, I. Evans; G. Pearce, J. Griffiths; A. Buchanan, K. Townley, L. Delaney, P. May (captain), R. Cornelius, A. Griffiths, P. Davies, D. Pickering.

Referee: W. Jones (Gwaunacaegurwen).

Barrie Fairall — Cardiff 24, Pontypool 3

Impeccable Davies tames Pontypool

While acknowledging the disappointment of Pontypool and their supporters, who have been enjoying another hugely successful season based on nothing more effervescent than traditional forward power, Cardiff's outstanding victory on Saturday should help produce a fizzy Schweppes Welsh Cup at the final come April 27.

The contributing factors to the progress of Cardiff, clear favourites now to retain the title on their own doorstep, were many and varied during the course of a fiercely contested semi-final at Newport. A pack of terriers, impeccable goalkicking by Gareth Davies, Clive Norling's no nonsense refereeing and a freshening breeze will haunt Pontypool.

Rodney Parade was jampacked long before the start, signalled by a gentleman to the rear of the press box with the statement: "I don't give a damn who wins, so long as it's Pontypool."

Downwind and fortified by a crushing home win over Cardiff a fortnight to the day, his team attempted to do just that in such nervous opening exchanges whereby the touchline went begging as one ill-directed punt followed another.

While the first half contained little of the classics, Cardiff were at least containing their opponents. Although Price was lowering and twisting at every conceivable opportunity, there were not enough scrums for Pontypool's liking. In the line-outs, too, Norster was roasting poor Moseley on every Cardiff throw.

An early skirmish between Moseley and Roberts was firmly and enthusiastically dealt with by Mr Norling. Scenting trouble and cracking down on violence is the stock in trade of British rugby's strictest referee.

There was only one further punch up to come and precious few moments for Pontypool to instill the fear of physical intimidation.

Rucks were curtailed long before the rattle of boot on bone and Pontypool were further rattled out of their usual bruising stride when Cardiff sneaked a crucial score inside the first quarter. Davies fired off a hopeful dropped goal which the wind carried across the Pontypool posts. With defenders in two minds, the quick thinking Ring followed up for the sole try of the match and Davies warmed up his boot with a conversion.

In terms of scoring, the second half had belonged almost exclusively to Davies. With the Cardiff forwards more than holding their own and Holmes rediscovering much of his pre-injury sharpness, Davies harnessed that stiffening wind. Four penalties and two dropped goals sent Cardiff sailing home, while Pontypool were left pondering an afternoon of torment that produced nothing more profitable than a simple penalty from Lewis.

Cardiff: P. Rees; G. Cordle, M. Ring, A. Donovan, A. Hadley; G. Davies, T. Holmes (capt); J. Whitefoot, A. Phillips, I. Eidman, K. Edwards, R. Norster, O. Golding, J. Scott, G. Roberts.

Pontypool: P. Lewis; G. Davies, K. Faulkner, L. Jones, B. Taylor, M. Goldsworthy, D. Bishop; Staff Jones, Steve Jones, G. Price, J. Perkins, K. Moseley, J. Squire, E. Butler (capt), M. Brown.

Referee: C. Norling (Welsh RU).

● Martin Humberston, the Richmond stand-off, scored a try and kicked two penalties and a conversion as the club celebrated their first fixture against Ebbw Vale on Saturday with a 20-10 win at the Athletic Ground.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(7.30 pm unless stated)

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL.—England v. Republic of Ireland (at Portsmouth).
CANON LEAGUE—Fourth Division: Port Vale v. Wrexham.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY—Second round: Millwall v. Orient.
GOLA LEAGUE.—Altrincham v. Wealdstone.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE—Premier Division: Barking v. Billericay; Croydon v. Wokingham.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Premier Division: Fisher Ath v. RS Southampton. Midland Division: Hednesford v. VS Rugby. Southern Division: Poole v. Hillingdon, Salisbury v. Ashford, Waterlooville v. Sheppey.
CENTRAL LEAGUE (7 pm).—First Division: Barnsley v. Stoke. Second Division: Bolton v. Leeds, Wolves v. Hull City.
NW COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP.—Quarter-final: Winsford v. Clitheroe.

Hockey

FESTIVAL.—Public Schools (Oxford).

MILK CUP FINAL: David Lacey reports from Wembley

Hartford brings Canaries cream

NORWICH CITY (0) 1	SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Chisholm og (46min)	Attendance: 100,000
	Receipts: £860,935

NORWICH CITY won the Milk Cup yesterday as the competition reverted to its League Cup habit of producing scrappy finals between moderate teams. For all that, there was no little virtue in *Norwich's triumph since* they, unlike Sunderland, came to Wembley with something more positive in mind than sitting back on defence and hoping for the best.

The winning goal came from a deflection at the start of the second-half — an own goal, in fact — and Sunderland missed a penalty four minutes later. However few could argue with the fact that victory went to the side who sought it more eagerly.

Norwich's success provided a fitting coda to the long career of Mike Channon who at 36 treated Wembley to an excellent exhibition of footballing knowledge, exploring angles and avenues that several times had the *opposition looking around* anxiously for a map reference.

Asa Hartford's cool footballing brain and his quick assessment of situations between the penalty areas were equally if not more important to Norwich, especially when Sunderland at last found some attacking urgency *in the closing half-hour.*

Overall theirs was a strangely dispassionate *performance. Their manager,* Len Ashurst, had deliberately kept their build-up to Wembley in a low key and his policy seemed to have worked too well. In 1973 under Bob Stokoe, an admittedly superior Sunderland *team had won the FA Cup* amid tears of joy.

Yesterday their football needed more emotion. At times they achieved the almost impossible feat of reducing the Roker support to a whisper.

Sunderland nearly brought the match to life in the opening 30 seconds. Hodgson, seeing Woods off *his line,* sent a shot over the Norwich goalkeeper's head from 30 yards and was unfortunate to see the ball dip over the bar. Unhappily this did not inspire Sunderland to seize the initiative.

Norwich spent much of the first half attacking, but with the defence tackling tenaciously and judging their interceptions well on a wet surface there was little danger to the Sunderland goal for nearly half-an-hour. Then Channon found a gap and despatched Barham through it only for Turner to demonstrate the agility and courage which had done so much to take Sunderland to Wembley. He blocked Barham before the player could shoot and *while he could not hold* the ball as well, Deehan's low shot from the rebound was cleared off the line by Corner.

In the last minute of the first-half Sunderland were denied the chance to take the lead by one of those cynical fouls for which a free-kick seems a totally inadequate punishment. Hodgson played a high pass out of his own half and Van Wyk's attempt at an interception deflected the ball down to Walker who had a clear if long run at Woods. Van Wyk chased the Sunderland player and threw him off balance with a push in the back before regaining possession. Nothing came of the free-kick.

Sunderland were probably still brooding on this when they fell behind within a half-minute of the resumption. The ball appeared to be going out on the left for a goal-kick when Deehan surprised Corner and the rest of the defence by keeping it in play. He found Channon in space but Channon could not get a decent glimpse of goal.

Then Hartford, a little further out, tried a shot which Turner had covered but before the ball could reach the goalkeeper Chisholm, attempting an interception *with his chest, deflected it* over the line. With the goalkeeper going the wrong way it had to count as an own goal.

Sunderland's biggest, and almost their last chance as it turned out, arrived in the *49th minute.* Van Wyk, under pressure from Venison, whose persistence on the right was the best feature of his team's performance, scooped the ball away with a hand and Walker prepared to bring the scores level from the penalty spot.

Woods guessed correctly and dived hard left but Walker's kick was a fraction too wide, and the outside of the post did the goalkeeper's work for him

With Corner removed, Gayle on as an extra striker, Daniel withdrawn to defence and Bennett released to drive forward, Sunderland now attacked with sustained purpose but the disappoint*ing Wallace never seriously* disturbed Watson and Bruce, the Norwich centre-backs, and the match retained its overall tameness to the finish.

Two good-humoured sets of supporters saved the occasion but had this been a third-round tie in October it would simply have been a match to record rather than dwell on. Norwich's League Cup final triumph over Rochdale back in 1962 might have had more to commend it, but at least they no longer decide these things over two legs.

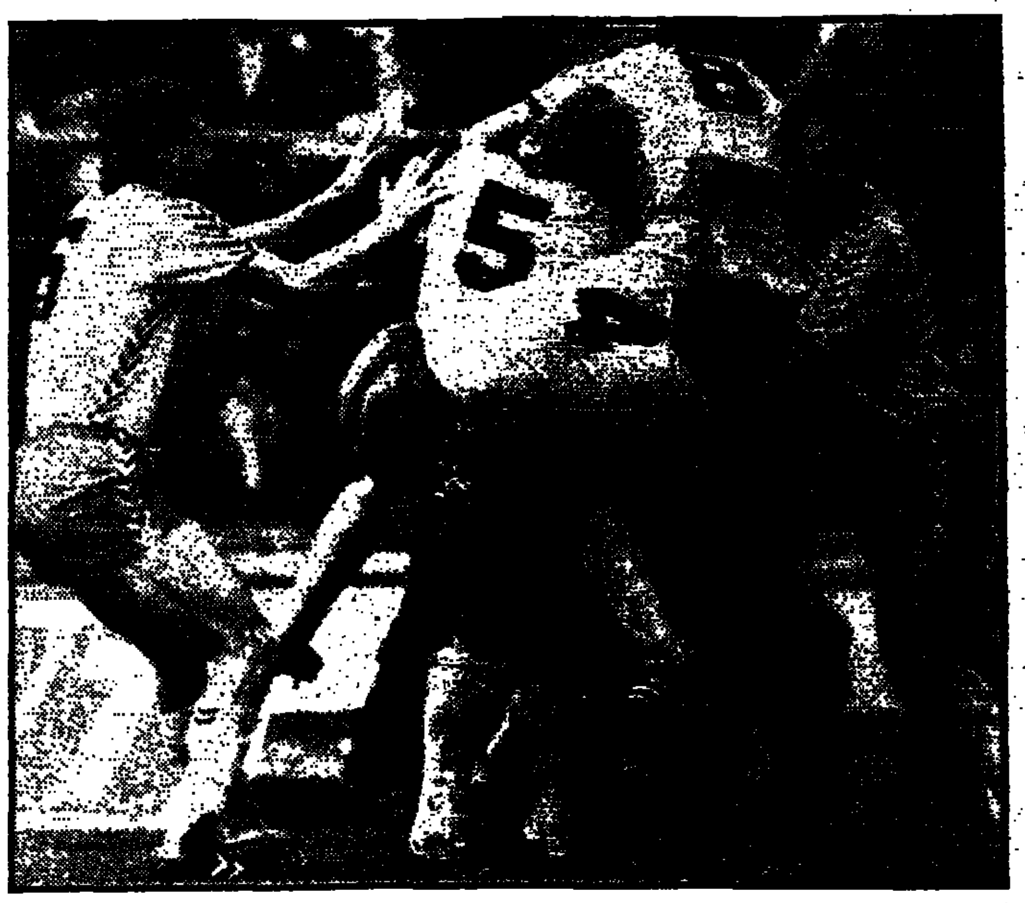
Norwich City: Woods, Haylock, Van Wyk, Bruce, Mendham, Watson, Barham, Channon, Deehan, Hartford, Donowa. Substitute (not used): Devine.
Sunderland: Turner, Venison, Pickering, Bennett, Chisholm, Corner (Gayle, 63min), Daniel, Wallace, Hodgson, Berry, Walker.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford).

● Sunderland manager Len Ashurst said afterwards that the Milk Cup had chosen Wembley to pay them back for their lucky breaks along the road to the final." The Cup got one back at us", he said. "We won at Watford with an in-off and have scored one or two penalties along tthe way. When you concede the type or goal that we *did* and miss a penalty you know that things are going against you.

"It concerned me before the start that if Norwich got in front their experience would tell and I felt Hartford. Channon and Deehan showed how capable they were in this respect. Clive Walker has had a pretty good Cup so far but he and the rest of the team have probably played one game too many. He will obviously regret that penalty miss for a long time to come."

● Norwich manager Ken Brown saluted both sets of supporters after his side's win. Brown said: "Both sets *of supporters won today.* The Sunderland reaction at the end was top class, and I feel sure that if we had lost our supporters would have responded in the same way. I am delighted for our lads because we have let our fans *down a few times. I felt that* if we were on song we could dominate. Hartford was brilliant, as was Channon, but they all did well for us — the quality of our football was good."

● *During part of the* pre-match entertainment at Wembley, a parachutist trying to land in the stadium, veered off course and crashed onto the aluminium and plastic roof. Lance corporal Terry Guildford spent more than half an hour on the roof being treated by medical staff and ambulance men, before being stretchered away to hospital with a suspected broken leg.


SCRUM OF JOY . . . Norwich players celebrate their own-goal winner Picture by Tommy Hindley

Erlend Clouston
Manchester United 4, Aston Villa 0

United's Mark of quality

PLAYERS make goals; but also, in a funny sort of way, goals make players. Saturday's performance by Mark Hughes signals his translation from club property to club institution. In eight minutes he scored three stunning goals and temporarily erased two decades of nostalgia. In close-ups he is even starting to resemble Tommy Taylor.

Naturally all the post-match talk was about Hughes. "The timing of his runs across the box is top-quality," said Graham Turner, the manager of an inconsequential Aston Villa. For all the right reasons Ron Atkinson chose to concentrate on Hughes's comparative rawness.

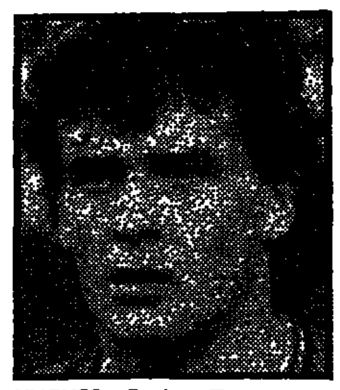
"At times he is very frustrating; he is still learning the game and he can make mistakes. Sometimes he frustrates team-mates by not bringing them into play." Hmm. George II once remarked that if General Wolfe was mad he wished he would bite some of his other generals. By the same token, a great many First Division managers must be tearing their hair out for a centre-forward half as frustrating.

The 21-year-old Welsh international's progress is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that at the start of the season he was not sure of a first-team place. Now, 41 games and 21 goals later, Brazil has been relegated to the reserves and Whiteside realigned in midfield. To most observers there had never been any other serious contender for the PFA's Young Player of the Year award, which he duly collected last night.

Hughes's game is built on wit, cheek and pace. He runs, or scuttles, in a curious hunched fashion, a bit like a waiter fighting a losing battle with a stack of slippery soup plates. His first and third goals were precocious valleys, one from a Whiteside header, another from Strachan's chip. Olsen sent him sprinting through for the 15-yard shot that gave him his second. It began in the 12th minute and finished in the 20th. The Villa players were looking haggard as they went in at half-time.

Olsen's cross and Whiteside's head gave United their fourth in the 53rd minute. As a unit they looked brisk and efficient and utterly unaffected by their Hungarian misfortune. Villa, while they could hardly legislate for brilliance, did not make a fight of it. They were ponderous at the back, too tentative in midfield. Six and Walters failed to get behind United's defence once. Wisely, Mr Turner decreed afterwards that the official autopsy would be private.

SCORERS.—United: Hughes (11, 13, 20 min), Whiteside (53).
Manchester United: Bailey; Gidman, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Hogg, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Stapleton, Olsen.
Aston Villa: Spink; Williams, Dorigo, Evans, Ormsby McMahon, Gibson, Six, Withe, Cowans, Walters
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach).


HUGHES: Evokes Tommy Taylor

RUGBY LEAGUE
Paul Fitzpatrick
Hull KR 11, Wigan 18

Rovers' hopes go West

Semi-finals are not supposed to be like this. The thought of losing at this cruellest of stages is usually harrowing enough *to fill the* majority of teams with a caution that borders on paralysis. There is no need for elaborate pre-match tactics. Simply take no risks. Just get there.

Yet Hull KR and Wigan blasted conventional dourness to smithereens at Elland Road on Saturday in a Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final that built through an absorbing first half into a second act of pounding excitement. The second semi-final, between Hull and Castleford, and the final itself on May 4, will find it a hard act to follow.

Wigan are a vastly superior side to the one that went to Wembley under Alex Murphy last year. The dual control of Colin Clarke and Alan McInnes has moulded a lot of good material into an outstanding team.

On Saturday, no one epitomised Wigan's spirit better than their captain, Graeme West. His qualities have long been appreciated since his arrival at Central Park from New Zealand, but even his most ardent devotees must have been astounded at the long-striding break that took him from his own 25 deep in to Rovers territory, from where he sent Stephenson away for a vital try.

What right has a second-row forward to produce, 56 minutes into a gruelling contest, such pace, stamina and determination? A few minutes later, West was on the opposite side of the field, hurling himself his full 6ft 5in to tackle a Rovers man. In the dying minutes, West was there again to send in Gill for the try which took Wigan out of reach.

Wigan's win was achieved, for once, without any significant contribution from Kenny. The Australian admitted afterwards to a moderate performance, and it was from one of his rare blunders that possibly the most crucial incident of the match stemmed.

Kenny's ill-directed pass was picked up by Clarke, an international winger who does not need starting blocks to set him in motion. A try close to the posts looked inevitable, but somehow Mick Scott, who had replaced the injured Wane after 42 minutes, got his fingertips to the elastic of Clarke's shorts and hauled the winger down from behind.

It is unlikely that Scott can ever have performed a more important single deed on the field in his life. Had Clarke scored, Rovers would surely have gone 17-12 ahead: and that, as the Wigan camp conceded afterwards, would probably have been the end of the affair.

Rovers, although shaken by West's astonishing break, had surged back powerfully into the game after the interval, at which point Wigan led narrowly but deservedly through a sturdily-taken try by Juliff in the 22nd minute to a drop goal by Harkin six minutes later.

Now, with the skilful Hall and the scurrying Gordon Smith on for Ema and Harkin, Rovers threatened supremacy, with Hall sending in Miller two minutes after the interval and Hogan providing the pass for a try by Clarke in the 62nd minute.

Then came Scott's memorable tackle, which revived Wigan's optimism and carried them through the final 12 minutes. In this last phase, Gill's 100th try of his career — superbly converted by Stephenson — quelled Rovers' brave challenge.

Hull KR: Fairbairn; Clark, Robinson, Prohm, Lydiat; M. Smith Harkin, (G. Smith, half-time); Broadhurst, Watkinson, Ema (Hall, half-time), Hogan, Kelly, Miller
Wigan: Edwards; Juliff, Stephenson, Donlan, Gill; Kenny, M. Ford; Courtney, Kiss, Case, West, Wane, (Scott, 42 min), Potter
Referee: R. Campbell (Widnes).

Patrick Barclay — Everton 2, Arsenal 0

Gray area between artists and artisans

The sight of Duncan McKenzie in the Goodison stand on Saturday provided a *poignant reminder of what was* lacking on the pitch.

We got competence, in abundance. Everywhere you looked you saw good players. But what were they doing? Just getting by on physical endeavour, mainly. Some elegant dribbles by Steven in the early stages. . . the craft of Reid. . . the delicious three-man move that set up Sharp's goal . . . little else to treasure.

The managers — both managers — seemed pleased enough. "You could sense that it was Arsenal's last chance to stay in the championship race," said Howard Kendall. "They made us work hard, in fact I don't think we'll have to work harder for a result between now and the end of the season." Don Howe thought it was a good, hard-fought match. "I was very pleased with our performance."

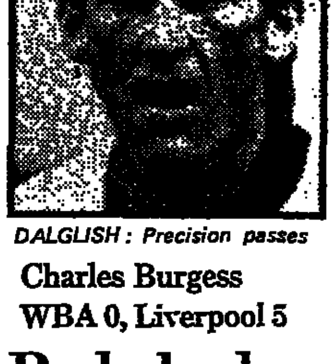
So much for the professionals. It struck me, coming from the consumer side of football, as an artistic argument *for* Manchester United winning the League. The others, Liverpool excepted, are by comparison artisans, carving crude results for a living. Tottenham's victory at Anfield a week earlier, however admirable, left the same impression.

It is a question of standards. Everton created four clear chances on Saturday; had *Manchester United done no* better than that at home, they'd have been jeered off the pitch.

Goodison's opprobrium was, however, reserved for one man. A match in which too many tackles carried a nasty bite needed an authoritative referee. This one got Mr Lovatt. He booked Anderson for dissent. He booked Williams for some unfathomable reason. He booked Meade after a histrionic collapse by Mountfield. Only Van den Hauwe and Sharp merited their punishment.

Worst of all, the referee allowed Gray to behave like a cross between square leg umpire and slip fielder. The Scot appealed for everything, was constantly on hand for consultations, and generally needed to be told to shut up and get on with what he's best at, like ramming home brave headers. Gray's first-half effort recalled his Villa glory days, when old-timers used to compare him with Pongo Waring. This was a Dixie Dean goal.

SCORERS. — Everton: Gray (27 min), Sharp (89).
Everton: Southall; Stevens, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Sharp, Gray, Harper, Richardson.
Arsenal: Lukic; Anderson, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Caton, Robson (Talbot, 87min), Rix Mariner, Meade; Nicholas.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe).


DALGLISH: Precision passes

Charles Burgess
WBA 0, Liverpool 5

Red shadow over title challengers

There may be a large shadowy mark in the Anfield trophy room when they unstick the League trophy from the sideboard and allow someone else to borrow for a year, but there is little question that Liverpool are still one of the great sides if not the best.

On Saturday they mesmerised West Bromwich Albion and thrilled a crowd with intelligent, skillful and adventurous football of superb quality. After seeing so much dross recently Liverpool lifted the heart

However their captain Phil Neal heralded caution afterwards: "Don't go overboard about our performance. It was an emphatic victory but we know it was against a team who have been in turmoil recently (with only one win *this year and that away). Our* defeat by Spurs last week was the turning point of the season. If we don't retain our title we will definitely have a big say in who takes it off us." Next Sunday they play Manchester United.

Neal added that, although Liverpool were in the FA Cup and European Cup semi-finals, the safest chance of qualifying for European competition next season was through the League and that remained a high priority.

There would seem little danger of them not achieving a high enough place. Dalglish, playing as well as ever, was wonderful, weighting his deft through passes with the precision of a hi-fi expert setting the arm of a deck. Moves link*ing three or four people with* quick first time passes were many and the Scot's goal on the hour, a 20-yard rocket with his left foot, was the culmination of a triangle involving Rush and Wark.

Wark scored a hat-trick him*self, all the goals being simple* tap ins after the Albion defence had already been ripped apart.

Poor Albion. They had their chances but found Grobbelaar in fine form when they could get past the Liverpool defence, where Lawrenson's tacking was timed to prefection. And even when Lawrenson brought down Whitehead near the end, Statham saw his appallingly badly taken penalty saved. At least they can say that they *stopped Rush scoring.*

SCORERS. — Liverpool: Nicol (6min), Dalglish (60), Wark (65, 71, 83).
WBA: Godden; Nicholl, Statham, Hunt, Bennett, Robertson, Grealish, Thompson, MacKenzie (Whitehead, 70min), Cross Valentine.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar; Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Nicol, Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, MacDonald, Wark.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Herts).

Robert Armstrong — Tottenham Hotspur 5, Southampton 1

Ardiles' double spur

Osvaldo Ardiles has eight weeks left in which to retrieve a waning career in top-class football. The 33-year-old Argentinian made a promising return to Tottenham's first team against Southampton at White Hart Lane on Saturday, but it is an open secret that his £80,000-a-year contract will only be renewed this summer if he makes a significant impact on the remaining 12 games on which rests Spurs' bid for the championship.

For a man who has been absent from the First Division for a year—barring one appearance as substitute—Ardiles looked remarkably fit and eager, making the kind of swift dagger-thrusts from outside the box that used to be his regular hallmark. He also scored Spurs' first goal, with the clever support of Crooks and Hoddle, and overall brought a degree of inventiveness to a team which badly needs spring refreshment.

However, it was only after the leg-weary Ardiles was pulled off midway through the second half that Spurs unleashed their full destructive finishing power. Another man who has fought a long battle against injury, Gary Brooke, burst upon the smouldering contest like a ball of fire, creating one goal and scoring another in imperious style. Falco also scored with a thrilling low drive from 25 yards.

In theory the combination of Ardiles and Hoddle should prove irresistible yet one fears for the anchor man, Perryman, who must carry the lonely burden of winning the ball and offering steel against opponents who play it hard and tight. The absence of injury victims, Stevens and Mabbutt, could yet find Spurs lacking in an area where the leaders, Everton possess strength in depth.

It remains to be seen whether Spurs' backlog of eight home games, not to mention visits to West Ham and *Chelsea,* yield the points needed to edge in front. Peter Shreeves confesses to feeling "more nervous watching us at home" which is easy to understand given the shrill pressure from Spurs' volatile fans who become edgy after 20 minutes without a goal.

Even if Ardiles's future remains in doubt, a splendid header by Crooks, his 17th goal of the season, gives Shreeves urgent reason for agreeing a new contract with the striker who is currently attracting the interest of clubs like Bordeaux and Sporting Lisbon. Such is the mutual confidence between manager and staff that Crooks is the only player thinking seriously of leaving Spurs at the end of the season.

As for Southampton, defeat has virtually ended their title challenge for another year. Before the arrival of Brooke the Saints appeared sharp enough to graft a point largely through the efforts of Wallace who was given the kind of *space he relishes on the right* flank.

Jimmy Case marked his debut after three years at Brighton with a cool, competitive display reminiscent of his Liverpool days. But fresh doubt was cast on the wisdom of persisting with Shilton in the England team with the World Cup finals just over 14 months away. Even the 36-year-old Clemence performed like a Spring lamb as Shilton fisted Hoddle's snap volley into his own net and at other times dropped on the ball too late or not at all.

SCORERS. — Tottenham: Ardiles (39min), Hoddle (64), Falco (74), Crooks (84), Brooke (87). Southampton: Wallace (48).
Tottenham: Clemence; Thomas, Miller, Roberts, Hughton, Ardiles (Brooke, 69min), Perryman, Hoddle, Galvin, Falco, Crooks.
Southampton: Shilton; Mills, Bond, Wright, Whitlock, Dennis, Puckett, Case, Armstrong, Jordan, Wallace.
Referee: J. Deacon (South Glamorgan).

David Lacey — Oxford Utd 3, Man City 0

Smith's downhill run

First Division football at the Manor Ground next season remains a strong if bizarre possibility. After losing their momentum slightly, Oxford United returned to second place in the Second Division on Saturday with a decisive victory against Manchester City.

Oxford have played three games fewer than City, who lead by four points, and two fewer than Portsmouth, Birmingham and Blackburn whose *collective failure to* win at the weekend has increased the likelihood of their having to fight for the third promotion place. Seven of Oxford's last 12 fixtures are at home and seven involve matches against sides in the bottom half of the table.

Yet until Oxford defeated Wimbledon 4-0 nine days ago their effort seemed to be faltering and it is no coincidence that results have improved with the return of first Hamilton to centre-forward and then McDonald to *left-back.*

City missed the midfield strength of Baker and Wilson and their ability to carry play deep into the opposing half. Hebberd, through the middle, and Langan and Brock, on the right wing, did this consistently for Oxford and had Rhoades-Brown's speed on the left been matched by a better end-product, City's defeat might have been heavier. Their own lightweight attack achieved little until Melrose headed against the bar towards the end.

The Manor slope gives Oxford an advantage, no doubt about that. In terms of size, comfort, and car parking the stadium is totally unsuited to First Division football but it could turn out to be Oxford's biggest ally if they go up. "Promotion would put pressure on the council to find us another site," said Jim Smith, the Oxford manager. "Trouble is, we'll need a site with a hill on it."

He was joking of course. He was also only half-serious when he envisaged Oxford keeping out visiting supporters next season by restricting admission to season-ticket holders only. But Smith did add that it was something the club might have to think about if new safety regulations cut their capacity of 14,500 still further.

On Saturday the number of seats allotted to City supporters was 40. They squirmed uncomfortably while City, beaten *only twice in their previous 21* League matches, stubbornly remained in neutral.

Defensive errors led to Aldridge, with a firm shot, and Hebberd with a well-timed header, virtually settling the contest around the half-hour. *Aldridge completed the scoring* with a penalty after a harsh handball decision against Power.

SCORERS.—Oxford United: Aldridge (29 and 63 pen), Hebberd (31).
Oxford United: Hardwick; Langan, McDonald, Trewick, Briggs, Shotton, Brock, Aldridge, Hamilton, Hebberd, Rhoades-Brown.
Manchester City: Williams; Clements, Power, Reid, McCarthy, Phillips (Tolmie, 63 min), Smith, May, Melrose, McNab, Kinsey.
Referee: R. G. Groves (Weston-super-Mare).

● Barcelona, managed by *Terry Venables,* clinched the Spanish title yesterday when they beat Real Valladolid 2-1 away. Javier Urruticoechea saved a penalty three minutes from time to give Barcelona their first championship in 11 years.

Shilton injury opens way for new cap

The battle to keep goal for England in tomorrow's friendly against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley became a straight fight between Gary Bailey and Chris Woods yesterday, when Peter Shilton pulled out

Shilton injured a finger as Tottenham fired five goals past him on Saturday and so misses his first international since November 1983. The Southampton 'keeper was already rumoured to be stepping down to give one of the uncapped men a chance to gain experience.

There could also be at least one more new cap, John Barnes of Watford withdrawing with a hamstring strain and opening the way for Newcastle's Chris Waddle.

Scotland, who meet Wales in a World Cup qualifer at Hampden on Wednesday, have lost one player — Manchester United midfielder Gordon Strachan, who sustained a toe injury on Saturday. Jock Stein has decided against calling up a replacement. Wales, meanwhile, reported no injuries after the weekend.

RESULTS

CANON LEAGUE. — FIRST DIVISION. — Coventry 3, Watford 1; Everton 2, Arsenal 0; Ipswich 1, Newcastle 1; Leicester 1, West Ham 0; Luton 2, QPR 0; Man Utd 4, Aston Villa 0; Stoke 1, Nottm Forest 4; Tottenham 5, Southampton 1; WBA 0, Liverpool 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	29	18	6	5	63	32	60
Tottenham	30	18	6	6	60	30	60
Manchester Utd	31	16	8	7	59	35	56
Arsenal	33	15	7	11	51	40	52
Liverpool	30	14	9	7	45	24	51
Nottm Forest	31	15	5	11	46	38	50
Southampton	31	14	8	9	41	38	50
Sheffield Wed	30	12	12	6	44	30	48
Chelsea	30	11	10	9	45	36	43
Leicester	31	12	6	13	53	52	42
Aston Villa	31	10	10	11	41	48	40
WBA	31	11	6	14	42	49	39
Norwich	29	10	8	11	36	42	38
Newcastle	32	9	11	12	45	58	38
QPR	32	9	11	12	38	52	38
Watford	30	8	10	12	53	57	34
Sunderland	30	9	7	14	35	41	34
Coventry	30	10	4	16	34	49	34
West Ham	28	8	9	11	35	42	33
Luton	29	7	8	14	34	51	29
Ipswich	28	6	9	13	26	40	27
Stoke	30	2	8	20	18	60	14

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION.—Dumbarton 1, Hearts 3; Dundee U 3, St Mirren 1; Hibernian 0, Aberdeen 5; Morton 2, Celtic 7; Rangers 1, Dundee 3. Leading positions: 1, Aberdeen (P 30, Pts 48); 2, Celtic (29=42).

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION.—Airdrieonians 3, Meadowbank 5; Clyde 1, Motherwell 0; Clydebank 1, Partick 2; East Fife 3 Falkirk 2; Hamilton 1, Ayr 4; Kilmarnock 1, Forfar 0; St Johnstone 1, Brechin 1. Leading positions: 1, Motherwell (P 32, Pts 40); 2, Clydebank (32=39); 3, Airdrie (31=38).

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION.—Berwick 4, Queen of South 0; Cowdenbeath 2, Arbroath 0; Dunfermline 0, Stenhousemuir 0; E Stirlingshire 0, Queen's Park 1; Montrose 2, Alloa 0; Stirling Alb 4, Albion Rov 1; Stranraer 1, Raith Rov 4. Leading positions: 1, Alloa (P 32, Pts 44); 2, Montrose (32=44); 3, Dunfermline (31=39).

GOLA LEAGUE.—Altrincham 3, Enfield 2; Barrow 1, Barnet 0; Dagenham 2, Kettering 1; Dartford 1, Northwich Vic 0; Frickley 3, Yeovil 1; Nuneaton 4, Boston Utd 2; Runcorn 1, Worcester 2; Scarborough 1, Maidstone 0; Telford 3, Kidderminster 2; Wealdstone 3, Weymouth 2.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Billericay 0, Wycombe 1; Bishops Stortford 0, Harrow 1; Epsom 1, Wokingham 1; Harlow 0, Bognor Regis 1; Hayes 0, Leytonstone and Ilford 0; Hitchin 1, Croydon 1; Slough 1, Carshalton 3; Sutton Utd 3, Dulwich Hamlet 0; Tooting 2, Hendon 2; Windsor 2, Walthamstow Ave 1; Worthing 3, Barking 1.

SECOND DIVISION.—Barnsley 3, C. Palace 1; Birmingham 1, Brighton 1; Carlisle 6, Wimbledon 1; Huddersfield 2, Fulham 2; Notts Co 4, Wolves 1; Oldham 2, Grimsby 0; Oxford U. 3, Man City 0; Portsmouth 0, Cardiff 0; Sheffield Utd 2, Leeds 1; Shrewsbury 3, Blackburn 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	33	18	8	7	51	27	62
Oxford Utd	30	17	7	6	61	25	58
Portsmouth	32	15	12	5	53	39	57
Birmingham	32	17	6	9	42	29	57
Blackburn	32	16	8	8	54	36	56
Leeds Utd	33	14	9	10	53	37	51
Brighton	32	14	9	9	34	24	51
Fulham	32	15	6	11	56	52	51
Shrewsbury	31	13	9	9	56	44	48
Grimsby	32	14	6	12	59	51	48
Barnsley	30	12	11	7	36	28	47
Huddersfield	31	13	7	11	42	45	46
Oldham	33	12	6	15	37	53	42
Carlisle	33	11	6	16	42	52	39
Sheffield Utd	32	9	11	12	47	51	38
Charlton	32	10	8	14	41	46	38
Wimbledon	30	11	5	14	54	63	38
Crystal Palace	30	7	10	13	34	49	31
Middlesbrough	33	7	8	18	33	48	29
Notts County	32	7	6	19	32	58	27
Wolves	33	6	8	19	31	61	26
Cardiff	32	6	6	20	36	66	24

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE.—Bangor 1, Workington 1; Horwich 4, Gainsborough 1; Macclesfield 3, Matlock 1; Morecambe 1, Goole 1; Mossley 2, Grantham 2; Oswestry 3, Buxton 1; Stafford 2, Chorley 0; Witton Alb 1, Hyde 0; Worksop 1, Southport 0. Yesterday: Rhyl 3, Marine 1; Sth Liverpool 0, Matlock 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division. AP Leamington 1, Folkestone 4; Alvechurch 2, Witney 0; Bedworth 2, Willenhall 0; Chelmsford 0, Corby 1; Cheltenham 1, Welling 1; Crawley 2, Trowbridge 2; Gravesend 0, Fisher 1; Hastings 2, Shepshed 1; Kings Lynn 1, Fareham 0; RS Southampton 2, Gloucester 0. Midland Division: Banbury 0, Moor Gn 4; Bridgnorth 3, Rushden 3; Coventry S. 1, VS Rugby 3; Dudley 1, Aylesbury 0; Merthyr T. 4, Oldbury 2; Stourbridge 1, Forest Gn 1; Sutton Coldfield 2, Bromsgrove 3; Wellingboro 3, Leicester Utd 1. Southern Division: Addlestone 1, Camb City 3; Ashford 2, Tonbridge 2; Basingstoke 1, Poole 1; Canterbury 1, Thanet 1; Chatham 1, Dover 1; Dunstable 0, Woodford 1; Erith 1, Waterlooville 3; Gosport 1, Sheppey 0; Hillingdon 2, Andover 0; Salisbury 3, Dorchester 0.

YESTERDAY.—Southern Premier: Hastings 0, Trowbridge 2.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Bristol Manor Farm 2, Dawlish 1; Chard 1, Barnstaple 4; Devizes 0, Weston 2; Liskeard 0, Mangotsfield 0; Melksham 1, Saltash 2; Minehead 2, Clevedon 3; Paulton 0, Clandown 0; Plymouth 3, Chippenham 3; Shepton Mallet 1, Taunton 1.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bolton 1, Reading 2; Bradford C. 5, Brentford 4; Bristol C. 1, York 0; Burnley 1, Bournemouth 1; Derby 0, Bristol R. 0; Hull 2, Plymouth 2; Millwall 2, Gillingham 1; Newport 1, Wigan 1; Orient 4, Swansea 2; Preston 0, Lincoln 1; Rotherham 2, Doncaster 3; Walsall 5, Cambridge U. 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	34	22	6	6	59	33	72
Hull City	35	18	11	6	56	36	65
Millwall	32	18	8	6	51	29	62
Bristol City	34	18	6	10	57	38	60
Gillingham	33	18	6	9	57	46	60
Walsall	32	16	9	7	50	33	57
Reading	31	16	6	9	53	42	54
Rotherham	35	15	9	11	48	43	54
Bristol R.	33	15	8	10	47	38	53
Bournemouth	36	15	8	13	41	36	53
York City	35	15	6	14	58	44	51
Derby County	34	14	8	12	49	43	50
Doncaster	34	14	7	13	57	52	49
Lincoln	33	10	11	12	40	36	41
Newport	33	10	11	12	41	44	41
Plymouth	34	10	11	13	48	53	41
Wigan	33	9	12	12	38	44	39
Brentford	33	10	8	15	43	53	38
Bolton	36	11	4	21	48	56	37
Orient	34	9	7	18	41	61	34
Burnley	33	8	9	16	46	53	33
Preston	34	9	4	21	37	75	31
Swansea	31	6	8	20	35	67	26
Cambridge	33	3	7	23	30	71	16

FA VASE.—Semi-finals, first leg: Exmouth 3, Fleetwood 2; Wisbech 1, Halesowen.

DRYBROUGH'S NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Ferryhill 1, Whitby 1; Whitley Bay 1, Horden 0; Blyth S. 4, Consett 1; Gretna 1, Shildon 1; Bishop Auckland 3, Spennymoor 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.—Liverpool 1, Aston Villa 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Arsenal 2, Portsmouth 0; Southampton 4, Oxford 2; Swansea 3, Tottenham 1; Watford 1, Chelsea 3; West Ham 5, Swindon 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Ards 1, Glenavon 3; Ballymena 1, Glentoran 3; Carrick 1, Distillery 3; Crusaders 1, Larne 4; Linfield 2, Bangor 0; Newry 3, Coleraine 3; Portadown 0, Cliftonville 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Accrington Stanley 5, Formby 3; Curzon Ashton 3, Leyland Motors 2; Netherfield 0, Lancaster 4; Prescot Cables 0, Bootle 0; St Helens 1, Eastwood Hanley 2; Stalybridge C. 2, Glossop 2. League Cup, quarter-finals: Congleton 1, Droylsden 0; Leek 2, Ford Motors 1; Radcliffe Boro 6, Burscough 0.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY. — Quarter-final: Wigan 0, Merton 0.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT. —Asian Group 3: Thailand 3, Bangladesh 0 (in Bangkok: 3,000).

FOURTH DIVISION.—Aldershot 1, Blackpool 0; Darlington 1, Chesterfield 3; Exeter 1, Colchester 5; Hartlepool 2, Tranmere 4; Mansfield 1, Hereford 1; Peterbrough 0, Swindon 1; Southend 3, Bury 3; Wrexham 2, Torquay 0. Postponed: Rochdale v. Stockport

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	34	19	10	5	54	30	67
Darlington	33	19	9	5	48	30	66
Bury	34	19	8	7	58	37	65
Hereford	33	18	8	7	52	29	62
Blackpool	33	18	7	8	46	28	61
Colchester	33	16	9	8	67	49	57
Scunthorpe	35	15	10	10	59	44	55
Tranmere	34	17	3	14	61	50	54
Peterborough	35	15	9	11	45	38	54
Crewe Alex	35	15	8	12	49	47	53
Swindon	35	15	7	13	43	43	52
Port Vale	33	12	12	9	46	39	48
Hartlepool	34	11	10	13	40	47	43
Southend	35	11	9	15	51	69	42
Stockport	31	11	7	13	47	49	40
Mansfield	32	9	12	11	27	25	39
Exeter	34	9	9	16	42	64	36
Chester	33	9	8	16	43	50	35
Aldershot	31	9	7	15	36	49	34
Halifax	34	10	4	20	27	52	34
Wrexham	33	8	6	19	50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rochdale	31	7	8	16	33	48	29
Torquay	34	6	11	17	28	49	29
Northampton	35	7	3	25	37	67	24

WEST GERMAN BUNDESLIGA.—Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Werder Bremen 3; Schalke 3, Arminia Bielefeld 0; Hamburg 5, Eintracht Brunswick 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach 7, Kaiserslautern 0; Stuttgart 3, Cologne 1; Waldhof Mannheim 0, Bayern Munich 0; Fortuna Duesseldorf 2, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Borussia Dortmund 1; Bochum 5, Karlsruhe 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE. — Fortuna Sittard 0, Ajax 2; Den Bosch 0, Excelsior 0; Groningen 1, MVV Maastricht 1; Utrecht 3, Twente Enschede 1; Feyenoord 6, Zwolle 0; Roda Kerkrade 0, Haarlem 0; Volendam 0, PSV Eindhoven 5; GA Eagles Deventer 1, Sparta Rotterdam 2; AZ'67 Alkmaar 1, NAC Breda 0. Leading positions: 1. Ajax (P22, Pts 39); 2. PSV (22-36).

ITALIAN LEAGUE.—Ascoli 2, Fiorentina 1; Atlanta 0, Udinese 1; Avellino 0, Napoli 1; Como 0, Sampdoria 0; Lazio 1, Roma 1; Juventus 3, Inter Milan 1; AC Milan 0, Torino 1; Verona 3, Cremonese 0. Leading position: 1, Verona (P 23, Pts 35), 2, Torino (23=30); 3. Inter (23=30).

SPANISH LEAGUE. — Gijon 2, Malaga 0; Real Valladolid 1, Barcelona 2; Sevilla 2, Hercules 0; Santander 1, Atletico Madrid 2; Bilbao 3, Valencia 2; Zaragoza 1, Real Sociedad 2; Espanol 1, Osasuna 0; Real Madrid 5, Murcia 0; Elche 2, Betis 1. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, champions (P30, Pts 48); 2. A. Madrid (29-39); 3. Gijon (30-38).

Leeds given hard test

Leeds have only five games left in the Slalom Lager Championships but points in the bank might yet prove better than the games in hand held by Wigan and Hull KR, both of whom face crowded ends to the season.

But although Leeds return to the top with an expected away win over Workington Town yesterday, their victory was only a modest 16-12.

Town recovered well after trailing 12-0 at half time, John Jones scoring one try and making another with runs of 60 and 40 yards. Fullerton-Smith and Heron scored Leed's tries but it was Gill's four goals that proved the crucial difference.

At the bottom, Leigh had their first League win since November 4, beating Halifax 20-14, but their position still looks hopeless.

The second Division's leading clubs, Salford and Swinton, had easy wins, Darren Bloor collecting three tries in Salford's 50-10 home victory over Wakefield Trinity and Swinton defeating Bramley 26-14 at McLaren Field.

● Fulham's experiment of playing on the Central Polytechnic ground at Chiswick drew 875 fans—compared with gates of 350 and 350 for the last two matches at Crystal Palace. Fulham beat Runcorn 17-16 for their fifth one-point victory this season.

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John Rodda reports from Lisbon

Budd breaks world's best

CROSS COUNTRY

The 20-year gap barely showed. Zola Budd, 18, unfolded her genius again from the outset in winning the women's world cross country championship, while Carlos Lopes of Portugal, 38 next birthday, used his old head to retain the men's title.

Miss Budd became the first English woman to win since the inception of the championship in 1967, winning the 4,800-metre race by 23 seconds — an extraordinary margin in 15 minutes' running.

She acted instinctively, forgetting the plan of her coach to attack the leaders on the second lap. Instead, she went straight to the front and found Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway, who beat her in a road race last year, alongside. But after less than five minutes, Miss Budd had forced a gap.

"It was as fast as a track," Miss Budd said of the Portuguese creation for the race beside the Lisbon-Estoril road. Surprisingly, she felt absolutely no effect of her two mid-week journeys from South Africa to London and then to Lisbon. Geniuses are often spared such human frailties.

Angela Tooby, the girl leading Miss Budd in the English Championships when the latter was forced out, was the next home of the British contingent, finishing sixth in the colours of Wales, 40 seconds behind the winner. The Americans won the team championship, England taking sixth position.

Lopes first won this race in 1976 and did so again last year in New York. But this time it was felt that Fernando Mamede, the world 10,000 metres record holder would take over his fellow-countryman's mantle. None of it. Lopes, Olympic marathon champion, trimmed his resources magnificently in a model of cross-country running.

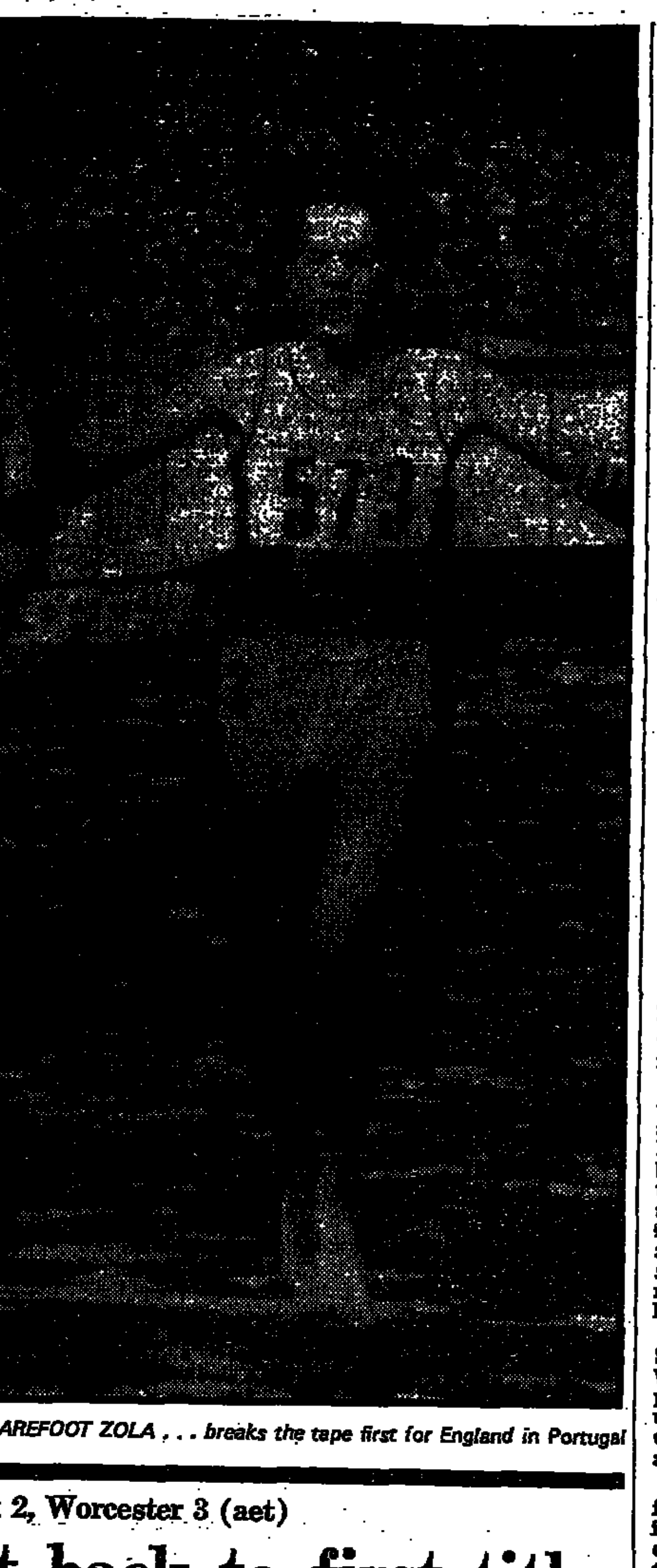
For most of the 12 kilometres Lopes was near the front of the leading group of 22, dominated by Kenyans and Ethiopians. The pace was fierce after the second lap but Lopes looked comfortable, first as Paul Kipkoech of Kenya tried a burst and then Ethiopia's Bekele Debele attempted to break the group.

Lopes timed his challenge perfectly, knowing he could not afford, on his old legs, a battle in the finishing straight. With about three minutes' running left, he decided to raise the pace.

While everyone was turning their attention to a final gallop, Lopes just slipped away and gradually everyone peeled off. The winning margin of four seconds was misleading because Lopes slowed to a walk in the last few paces. Despite his victory, Lopes afterwards confirmed that he would retire from international competition after this track season.

England, as one anticipated, were eclipsed.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Lisbon).—Men (12kms): 1, C. Lopes (Port) 33min 33sec; 2, P. Kipkoech (Ken) 33:37; 3, W. Bitto (Eth) 33:38; 4, B. Debele (Eth) 33:45; 5, J. Treacy (Ire) 33:48; 6, K. Balcha (Eth) 33:51. English: 18, D. Lewis; 22, D. Clarke; 24, D. Murphy; 111, B. Knight; 125, J. Goater; 130, N. Brawn. Men's team: 1, Ethiopia 190pts; 2, Kenya 141; 3, US 154. 8, England 434. Women's (5km): 1, Z. Budd (Eng) 15min 01sec; 2, C. Brasta (US) 15:24; 3, I. Kristiansen (Nor) 15:27; 4, F. Lazar (Rom) 15:35; 5, C. Burki (Switz) 15:38; 6, A. Tooby (Wal) 15:40. Other English: 52, M. Cotton 16:17; 56, P. Fudge 16:22; 69, J. Rothwell 16:25; 71, M. Sway 16:31. Women's team: 1, US 42pts; 2, USSR 77; 3, Romania 96. 8, England 153. Junior men (7.9km): 1, K. Kiakombol (Ken) 22min 18sec; 2, H. Nemeh (Eth) 22.37; 3, M. Wolstibue (Eth) 22.37. Junior Men's Team.—1, Ethiopia 16 pts. 5, England 122. 9, Wales 223.



BAREFOOT ZOLA . . . breaks the tape first for England in Portugal

GOLF

David Davies in Las Vegas

Strange's big deal in Vegas

THE AIR was still in the Nevada desert yesterday and in consequence and in contrast the numbers on the leader board whirled furiously. The 70 remaining professionals in the Panasonic Invitational at Las Vegas were making their bid for the largest possible chunk of the $1,042,000 available.

Fuzzy Zoeller was very quickly round in 63, eight under par, while Greg Norman, looking for a two at the short ninth to be out in 29, three-putted for a mere 31.

In the significant match at the end of the field the scoring was no less spectacular. Tom Watson, the overnight leader at 14 under par, immediately birdied the first hole and at that stage had a three-shot lead over Curtis Strange. But the latter closed to within one shot when he birdied the sixth after Watson had dropped a shot at the third, and Strange eventually reached the turn in a four-under-par 31.

That made Strange 16 under for the tournament and gave him a one-stroke lead over Watson. Both men birdied the long 10th, but then disaster overtook Watson at the 12th. He needed four to reach the green and although Strange dropped a shot, Watson's double bogey meant that he fell two behind Strange.

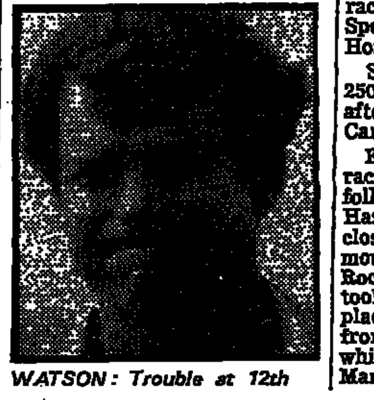
With six holes to play Strange was 16 under par, Watson 14, as was Fred Couples. But Jay Haas had crept up by virtue of two birdies on the outward half another at the 10th to be 15 under.

The pace was too furious for the remaining Europeans in the field. Ken Brown was one of the few men to carry the water in front of the green at the long 18th and his birdie gave him an outward half of 33 to take him to six under par. But he immediately bunkered his second at the first to drop a shot and missed a birdie chance of only eight feet at the second.

Sandy Lyle holed a bunker shot for a birdie at the 15th to be out in one under par and saved himself with a clverly executed left-handed shot from up against a tree at the second.

Bernhard Langer was two under after his first eight holes, but his putting problems returned with a venegeance on the ninth. Having coaxed a 40-foot putt to within two feet of the hole, he missed the next one and his bogey dropped him back into the pack.

● Britain's Ian Woosnam shot a final round of 70 for a 10-below-par total of 282 and a two-stroke victory in the Zambian Open championship at Lusaka yesterday.



WATSON: Trouble at 12th

Frank Keating in Sharjah sees an English defeat snatched from the jaws of victory

Desert song of sorrow

CRICKET

Australia beat an England XI by two wickets off the last ball of their 50-over Asia Cup match in the Persian Gulf state of Sharjah yesterday, and will meet India in Friday's final. England face Pakistan tomorrow in a play-off for third place.

It will not rate space in Wisden, but it was exciting stuff. The game has made converts here, though everyone was muttering the same questions: "Where Gower? Where Gatting?"

England's 177 for eight was a fair-enough target to be able to set on this brand-new, unpredictable low squirter of a turf wicket. The knack was to bowl straight, and pray for the seam.

Put in, Robinson was impressive, Fowler and Randall improvised and Ellison's tail wagged. In reply, one or two of the new young Australians who arrive in England next month clumped away in an uncomplicated manner; notably Matthews, who won the $5,000 Man of the Match award.

He is squat, and keeps calling for drinks, sunhats and cheers as if he is a baseball player; he has an aggressive jut to his jaw, and in profile looks like the young Doug Walters.

Matthews cobbled together 24 happily hearty runs when it mattered, after turning in figures of 10-3-15-1 with some innocuous-looking military off-breaks. In 1983 he played for Worcester Second XI on an Esso scholarship. He has a tiger in his tank, and does not seem the type to have spent much time in the cathedral.

His steepling hoik was well caught in the deep by Fowler to make it 151 for six, which set up the tense finish. Ellison began the final over with seven runs needed. Rixon tipped and ran from the last ball, and all hell broke loose — Australian embracing Arab, and the poor old English trudging off stoically.

It might be Micky Mouse cricket, but the English county pros felt very goofy at letting it slip at the last. Had Ellison's last ball been a scorer's dot, England would have won on run rate.

England's men bowled to the season, and also to reintroduce themselves to Swaroop, the famous and fat 55-year-old Indian umpire, who was "dropped" after the first Test of their recent Indian tour. His finger is reflex more than index, and Moxon's leg-before duck, Robinson's padded-catch which spooned up dramatically to the Jennings-type wicketkeeper, and Randall's legside stumping all seemed, from the ropes, rum dismissals more sought-after than thought-about.

Later, as the heat got hazier, Wessels and Wood survived from Swaroop no end of unlikely appeals by the aggressive, unsmiling Ellison.

Edmonds calmed it down and broke through in his first over and then Pringle — who started not with two no-balls but, for a change, two wides — well wiped out Wood and the bristling bustler Border to put England in with a chance that was to last until the final ball of the 50th over.

In the middle of the act the disillusioned, d i s i n h e r i t e d prince, poor Hughes, made his entrance,n pottered and the sadly bowed his exit.

The crowd did cartwheels before dispersing to watch Dallas with Arabic subtitles and then the League Cup final live from Wembley. And that, as Barry Davies was saying, is what it is all about.

ENGLAND

G. Fowler c Hughes b Alderman	26
R. T. Robinson c Rixon b Matthews	37
M. Moxon lbw b O'Donnell	0
D. W. Randall st Rixon b Bennett	19
C. M. Wells lbw b Bennett	17
D. R. Pringle st Rixon b Border	4
P. H. Edmonds not out	15
B. N. French c Rixon b Border	4
R. M. Ellison c Wessels b Border	24
N. A. Foster not out	5
Extras (b 9, lb 5, w 6, nb 6)	26
Total (for 8, 50 overs)	177

Fall of wickets: 47, 53, 95, 109, 123, 128, 134, 169.

Did not bat: N. Gifford.

Bowling: Alderman 7-1-38-1; McCurdy 5-0-23-0; O'Donnell 8-2-26-1; Bennett 10-2-27-2; Matthews 10-3-15-1; Border 7-0-21-3; Wessels 3-0-15-0.

AUSTRALIA

K. C. Wessels b Edmonds	16
G. M. Wood c French b Pringle	35
D. M. Jones c Moxon b Edmonds	27
A. R. Border c and b Pringle	9
K. J. Hughes c French b Foster	14
G. R. J. Matthews c Fowler b Ellison	24
S. O'Donnell c Moxon b Ellison	19
S. J. Rixon not out	11
M. J. Bennett run out	0
R. J. McCurdy not out	6
Extras (lb 9, w 8)	17
Total (for 8, 50 overs)	178

Did not bat: T. M. Alderman.

Fall of wickets: 54, 64, 82, 100, 120, 151, 168, 169.

Bowling: Foster 10-1-34-1; Ellison 10-1-28-2; Pringle 10-0-49-2; Edmonds 10-2-31-2; Gifford 10-1-27-0.

Peter Clifford reports from Kyalami

Lawson races past the weary Spencer

MOTOR CYCLING

Eddie Lawson, the world champion, won the South African Grand Prix on his Marlboro Yamaha after almost a race-long battle with Freddie Spencer on the Rothman's Honda at Kyalami on Saturday

Spencer had already won the 250 race on the smaller V-twin after beating off the attacks of Carlos Lavado and Toni Mang.

From the start of the 500 race Spencer shot into the lead followed by Lawson, with Ron Haslam and Wayne Gardner close behind. The Yamaha-mounted Frenchmen, Raymond Roche and Christian Sarron, took up a battle for fifth place, showing little effect from nasty practice crashes while the Californian Randy Mamola pulled through to challenge them after a poor start on the Rothman's Honda Triple.

The battle between Gardner and Haslam on the Honda Britain machines raged for third place, while at the front the gap that Spencer had opened over Lawson was never secure. On the eighth lap Lawson slipped past and it was Spencer's turn to hug the slipstream.

The three separate battles continued but, when Mamola caught the Frenchman on the 21st lap, Roche crashed at well over 100 mph. Once more he walked away while Mamola passed Sarron to take fifth place.

Lawson crossed the line with a four-second lead at the flag.

With two laps to go Haslam made a mistake in his pursuit of Gardner and took a slight excursion into the rough. That was all the Australian needed to lead him across the line by three seconds.

SPORT IN BRIEF

BOWLS: Durham, enjoying home advantage at the Hartlepool Club, beat Sussex 119-99 in the final of the Prudential Trophy yesterday to become the first to win this inter-county competition twice, *writes Patrick Sullivan.* Richard Twine's rink were the only winners for Sussex, by 23-12. Durham's captain, Mal Hughes, beat Wally Hayward 23-15. On Saturday Tony Allcock (Cotswold) had defeated Gary Harrington (Isis) 21-20 in the final of the Prudential-EIBA Indoor Singles.

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hartlepool). — County, final: Durham 119, Sussex 99. Singles: A. Allcock (Cotswold) 21 G. Harrington (Isis) 20.

MOTOR RACING: Mike Thackwell, of New Zealand, won the International Trophy for the third time yesterday when he fitted wet tyres to his Ralt-Cosworth and the gamble paid off in the opening round of the Formula 3000 Championship at Silverstone, *writes Maurice Hamilton.* Rain returned in the second half of the race with half the field of 16 on slick tyres. Barry Sheene, driving a Toyota Supra for the first time, finished fifth in a saloon car race after spinning twice.

DAILY EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY MEETING (Silverstone) — Marlboro British F3 Championship (20 laps, 58.04 miles): 1, R. Spence (GB—Reynard 853 VW) 34min 44.42sec (118.30mph); 2, A. Wallace (GB—Reynard 853 VW); 3, M. Guedes (Brazil—Ralt RT30 VW). International Trophy, Round One Formula 3000 Championship (44 laps, 129.01 miles): 1, M. Thackwell (NZ—Ralt RC 85 Cosworth) 1hr 07-41.01 (114.36mph); 2, J. Nielsen (Den—Ralt RT85 Cosworth); 3, M. Forte (Fr—March Cosworth).

SNOOKER: Alex Higgins was the hero of Ireland's 9-7 victory over England in the final of the Guinness World Cup in Bournemouth, *writes Clive Everton.* He won five of his six frames, including four in succession when Ireland were 5-7. He won his first frame against Steve Davis with a break of 92 and his second when Davis bungled his one chance of recovery. Tony Knowles lost one frame to Dennis Taylor having led 64-0 and another to Eugene Hughes who had a break of 84.

GUINNESS WORLD TEAM CUP (Bournemouth) —Final: All-Ireland beat England A 9-7. Second Session Details: (All-Ireland first): D. Taylor drew with S. Davis 1-1 (66-52, 1-82); E. Hughes drew with T. Knowles 1-1 (102-29, 13-99); A. Higgins beat T. Meo 2-0 (104-54, 82-23); Higgins beat Davis 2-0 (109-1, 73-31).

SWIMMING: For the second successive weekend Richard Leishman of Highlands School, Halifax, won a major award in an international meeting, *writes Brian Crowther.* His winning 59.56 seconds in the intermediate 100 metres butterfly at Wrexham on Saturday was adjudged England's best individual performance as the team won the Speedo schools international for the 14th successive year. Leishman was chosen as the top male swimmer of the meeting in an international youth festival at Telsenkirschen, West Germany, the previous weekend.

GOLF: Ted Dexter, who is 50 in May, became the oldest holder of the President's putter when he won it for the second time in three years at Rye yesterday. He beat the Irishman, Alan Holmes, five and four in the final, avenging a defeat in the 1977 final.

Earlier he completed one of the longest matches in golfing history, winning a quarter-final adjourned after 12 holes in January, when the tournament was hit by snow. He beat Mike MacPhee after a further three holes, then had a two and one victory over Mark Froggatt in the semi-final. In the final Holmes three-putted five times and Dexter's day finished after seven hours on course.

ROAD RUNNING: Bernie and Ann Ford were the winners of Fleet Half Marathon yesterday, the first time they have both won in the same race. Both set course records.

FLEET HALF MARATHON.—1, B. Ford (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 63min 50sec; 2, G. Payne (Southend) 64-15; 3, F. Clyne (Aberdeen) 64-35. Team: Winner 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District 31 points. Women: 1, A. Ford (Hounslow) 72-33; 2, J. Clarke (Sheffield) 74-49; 3, L. Harvey (London Olympiads) 76-19.

SKIING

John Samuel in California

Heavenly seventh for Marc

MARC GIRARDELLI, fastest in both runs, brought the World Cup season to a royal climax under the purest of blue Californian sky on Saturday with his seventh victory in the season's 10 special slaloms.

Heavenly Valley, without any hype, established the 21-year-old Austrian, who skis for Luxembourg, as a worthy successor to Ingemar Stenmark in the technical and psychologically demanding special slalom. Girardelli satisfied the most ardent purists by winning the giant slalom title and scoring important points in downhill.

His father and coach, Helmut — a dumpy little man, cigarette rarely out of his mouth — rightly shared the congratulations. No one has won three titles, including the overall, since Stenmark.

Eight years ago Helmut determined that the local Voralberg ski-coaches in eastern Austria were wrong in their technical teaching of the young Marc and another prodigy, Christian Orlainsky. From that developed the split with Austria, a split fuelled also by the Girardellis' second-generation Italian origins, which gave Marc to a country with its highest hill some 500 metres. Orlainsky, be it said, is now nowhere after a promising World Cup debut.

Liechtenstein, a country even smaller than Luxembourg, although with genuine mountains, provided the second place in the final slalom, but Paul Frommelt was a distant 1.34sec behind Girardelli's aggregate of 1min 48.66sec. Third was the Austrian, Robert Zoller, another rebel of a kind who trains with a fair measure of beer and bonhomie, and another European to respond to America's open spaces and vitality.

Stenmark failed to win a race all season, but was cheered here for several minutes, although running on-course in the second leg. So was Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, Girardelli's rival right up to the penultimate race, who skied into fifth place more delighted, it seemed by his slalom form than sad at losing his overall title.

The previous day Erika Hess wound up what must be termed the Swiss winter — Girardelli excepted. Her winning last run of the final race going 30th under the experimental system rejected by the men, gave the Swiss their 28th victory in 58 men's and women's races.

WORLD CUP. — Men's Slalom (Heavenly Valley, Ca): 1, M. Girardelli (Lux) 1-48.66; 2, P. Frommelt (Liecht) 1-50.40; 3, R. Zoller (Aut) 1-50.74; 4, K. Heidegger (Aut) 1-50.78; 5, P. Zurbriggen (Switz) 1-51.11; 6, O. Totsch (It) 1-51.45.

Final overall slalom standings: 1, Girardelli 125; 2, Frommelt 80; 3, I. Stenmark (Swe) 78; 4, A. Wenzel (Liecht) 75; 5, P. De Chiesa (It) 70; 6, B. Krizaj (Yug) 69.

Final World Cup overall: 1, Girardelli 262; 2, Zurbriggen 244; 3, Wenzel 172; 4, P. Mueller (Switz) 156; 5, F. Heinzer (Switz) 137; 6, Stenmark 135. Nations' Cup: 1, Switzerland 2,592; 2, Austria 1,280; 3, West Germany 823.

Pat Rowley — Middlesex 2, Worcester 3 (aet)

Worcs fight back to first title

HOCKEY

Worcestershire, without their two injured internationals, Mallett and Evans, staged a wonderful recovery to beat Middlesex, the favourites, 3-2 after extra time at Willesden in their first County Championship final yesterday.

So the trophy goes to the Midlands for only the second time, 13 years after Staffordshire were unexpected winners; while Middlesex are left to rue how they lost their third successive final.

With eight internationals and nine Hounslow players in their starting line-up, Middlesex looked to be cruising to victory when Dave Dixon converted two of his first three penalty corners in the first quarter of an hour. It brought his scoring tally to seven in the championship this season.

But Worcester took advantage of Bhaura's temporary suspension to snatch a goal through Honeybourne and equalised shortly before half time when Lamb who had not previously scored in this winter's championship, converted a penalty corner.

Throughout the second half the game was delicately poised. Middlesex were unlucky when Potter hit a post, and Worcester when Maskery failed to score from close range. Lamb, always a solid full sweeper, scored the decisive goal five minutes into extra time, with another penalty corner strike.

Worcester deserved their success. What they lacked in skill compared to Middlesex, they made up for in determination. They hounded Middlesex, rarely allowing them to settle on the ball or gain space.

Middlesex's 16-8 penalty corner tally in the 100 minutes was a fair reflection of their territorial advantage. Worcester's was essentially a team success with Knott, who lost two teeth, playing a storming game at centre back and Jon Aldridge creating space to make crucial passes to his marauding front three.

MIDDLESEX (Hounslow unless stated).—S. Rees; I. Meakins (sub R. Cattrall), D. Dixon; B. Nikkinnuis, J. Potter, B. Greed (Hereford, capt); R. Clift, P. Nikkinnuis, K. Bhaura, M. Precious, M. Exton (Teddington)

WORCESTERSHIRE.—S. Taylor, E. Lamb (both Stourport); N. Chaudhry (Pickwick), D. Knott (Slough), A. Boetius (Bournville); J. Aldridge (Stourport), J. Honeybourne (Redditch), S. Partington (Slough, capt); P. Marshall (Bournville), (sub E. Ogle, Worcester), C. Maskery, K. Partington (both Slough) (sub R. Taylor, Stourport).

Umpires: Basu Singh (MCHUA) and R. Wilson (NCHUA).

Lancashire take one over the eight

After an absence of six years, Lancashire returned to the women's national finals to win their ninth County Championship at Abbey Park, Leicester. Playing a superb team game, Lancashire made the game safe with a three-goal burst in 11 minutes in the first half.

Maggie Souyave opened the scoring from a penalty corner; Jackie Jones added a second from close in and Paula Standish scored when a clash of sticks sent the ball over the goalkeeper, Carol Johnson.

Leicestershire were handicapped in losing their England international, Kim Gordon, early in the match with an injury. Lancashire drew their inspiration from England's captain, Linda Carr, and Souyave, who were supported by solid team play, a Lancashire trademark. This was Leicestershire's fourth consecutive final appearance during which they have managed only one victory.

In the earlier matches Leicestershire, after a close 3-2 win over Avon, played outstanding hockey to defeat Middlesex 5-1. The England international, Mary Cheetham, was in irrepressible form; scoring two goals to add to two penalty corners from Sue Holwell.

Lancashire progressed to the final in unimpressive fashion with a narrow 1-0 victory over Bucks. This was followed by a scrappy 2-1 victory over Essex, who had earlier crashed 5-1 to Bucks. A first-half goal from Jackie Jones gave Lancashire a half-time lead and it was left to their substitute, Carol Downie, to make the game safe with almost her first touch.

Janet Ruff

BADMINTON

Dilip Rao

Zhao beats the holder

China's Zhao Jianhua, 19, yesterday at Wembley became the youngest men's singles champion in the Yonex All-England event since Rudi Hartono won it at 17 and emulated the Indonesian by capturing the world's most coveted title on his first appearance.

In the closest final in 30 years, Zhao, the first left-handed winner since the war, beat the Danish holder Morten Frost 6-15, 15-10, 18-15. The gripping climax was brought about by a dramatic recovery from 5-13 by Frost, playing his fourth Wembley final.

Frost is remarkably cool, but even he lost his nerve as Zhao moved up a gear in the third. Uncharacteristically, the Dane made unforced errors and Zhao was quickly 8-1 in front. He increased that to 13-5 but now the proximity of victory made him tense.

Frost needed only one hand to draw level. But then Zhao relaxed.

Nora Perry, with new partner Billy Gilliland of Scotland, won her sixth mixed doubles title in 10 years, beating another recently-formed international pair Thomas Kihlstrom and Gillian Clark.

YONEX ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wembley).—Finals. Men's Singles: Z. Jianhua (Chi) beat M. Frost (Den) 6-15, 15-10, 18-15. Women's Singles: H. Aiping (Chi) beat L. Lingwei (Chi) 11-7, 12-10. Men's Doubles: K. H. Soo and P. J. Bong (Korea) beat M. Christiansen and M. Kjeldsen (Den) 7-15, 15-10, 15-9. Women's Doubles: Lingwei and Aiping (Chi) beat G. Weizhen and W. Jianqiu (Chi) 15-7, 15-12. Mixed Doubles: W. Gilliland (Scot) and Mrs J. Perry (Eng) beat T. Kihlstrom (Swe) and Miss G. M. Clark (Eng) 15-10, 15-12.

RESULTS

Rugby League

SATURDAY

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP

Semi-final

Hull KR (7) 11, Wigan (4) 18. Hull KR: Tries, Miller, Clark; Goal, Fairbairn; DG, Hardie. Wigan: Tries, Juliff, Stephenson; Gill; Goals, Stephenson (2), Gill. (19,275; at Leeds Utd FC).

YESTERDAY

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone R (14) 17, Widnes (12) 12. Featherstone: Tries, Mackintosh, Banks; Goals, Quinn (4); DG, Quinn. Widnes: Tries, Sorensen, Stockley, O'Neill. (1,515).

Hunslet (14) 18, Oldham (22) 46. Hunslet: Tries, Hallock, Graham, Bowden; Goals, Diamond (3). Oldham: Tries, Foy (3), Taylor (2), Birdy, Parrish, Worrall; Goals, Parrish (7). (2,176).

Leigh (10) 20, Halifax (10) 14. Leigh: Tries, Henderson (2), Taylor; Goals, Johnson (4). Halifax: Tries, Hague, Dunson, Anderson; Goals, Agar. (3,092).

Warrington (6) 16, Castleford (10) 14. Warrington: Tries, Kelly, Gregory, Carbert; Goals, Carbert (2). Castleford: Tries, Chapman, James, Sigsworth; Goals, Rookley. (2,446).

Workington T (0) 12, Leeds (12) 16. Workington: Tries, Jones, Bower; Goals, Smith (2). Leeds: Tries, Heron, Fullerton-Smith; Goals, Gill (4). (930).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	25	17	1	7	550	304	35
St Helens	23	16	1	6	686	375	33
Oldham	25	16	1	8	480	355	33
Wigan	19	15	1	3	505	272	31
Hull KR	19	15	0	4	441	234	30
Hull	19	12	0	7	482	306	24
Featherstone R	25	12	0	13	374	382	24
Widnes	23	12	0	11	386	421	24
Bradford N	21	11	1	9	403	352	23
Warrington	25	11	0	14	431	515	22
Castleford	24	10	0	14	428	408	20
Halifax	23	9	2	12	418	422	20
Barrow	22	7	0	15	381	658	14
Hunslet	23	6	1	16	385	702	13
Leigh	23	6	0	17	421	577	12
Workington T	21	1	0	20	171	629	2

SECOND DIVISION

Bramley (4) 14, Swinton (10) 26. Bramley: Tries, Mason, Bullough, Land; Goals, Beale. Swinton: Tries, Bate (2), Lee, Wilson, Rowbottom; Goals, Jones (3). (850).

Bridgend (3) 9, Batley (10) 14. Bridgend: Try, A. N. Other; Goals, Alred (2); DG, Davies. Batley: Tries, Madden, Illingworth; Goals, Gutton (3). (246).

Carlisle (22) 32, Sheffield E (10) 16: Carlisle: Tries, Stockley, Pape (2), Sanderson, Peacham (2); Goals, Armstrong (4). Sheffield: Tries, McDonald, Gamson, Rhodes; Goals, A. N. Other. (900).

Fulham (16) 17, Runcorn Highfield (4) 16. Fulham: Tries, Webster, Key, Mills; Goals, Wilkinson (2); DG, Wilkinson. Runcorn: Tries, B. Garrity, Smith (2); Goals, Wood (2). (875; at Central Poly Ground, Chiswick).

Keighley (10) 14, Dewsbury (6) 21. Keighley: Tries, Proctor, Bardgett, Butterfield; Goal, Rowse. Dewsbury: Tries, Squires (2), Womersley; Goals, Dunford (4); DG, Stephenson. (1,057).

Salford (30) 50, Wakefield T. (4) 10. Salford: Tries, Bloor (3), Groves (2), Dickens, Lamb, Glynn, Griffiths; Goals, Griffiths (7). Wakefield: Tries Bell, Wilkinson; Goal, Lyons. (1,500).

Southend Invicta (2) 2, Whitehaven (6) 22. Southend: Goal, Neel. Whitehaven: Tries Simpson, Dalton, O'Leary, Fisher; Goals, Lightfoot (3). (160).

York (3) 21, Huddersfield (0) 4. York: Tries, Colley, Morrell, Proctor; Goals, Steadman (4); DG, Steadman. Huddersfield: Try, Gillespie. (1,117).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swinton	22	18	1	3	568	284	37
Dewsbury	21	16	1	4	371	215	33
Salford	21	14	3	4	585	257	31
York	22	15	1	6	515	339	31
Carlisle	21	14	0	7	446	347	28
Whitehaven	21	13	2	6	357	302	28
Mansfield M	22	13	0	9	406	298	26
Batley	24	13	0	11	390	372	26
Keighley	22	12	0	10	432	373	24
Blackpool B	21	11	0	10	337	301	22
Fulham	20	11	0	9	340	389	22
Wakefield T	22	9	2	11	349	355	20
Rochdale H	20	9	2	9	297	325	20
Huddersfield	22	9	1	12	327	378	19
Runcorn H	22	9	1	12	350	402	19
Bramley	20	8	1	13	281	311	18
Sheffield E	23	6	0	17	320	437	12
Doncaster	21	4	1	16	253	549	9
Southend Inv	21	3	0	18	258	525	6
Bridgend	20	1	0	19	194	846	2

Rugby Union

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP.—Semi-finals: Coventry 10, London Welsh 10 (Welsh won on tries); Gloucester 11, Bath 12.

SCHWEPPES WRU CUP. — Semi-finals: Bridgend 10, Llanelli 24 (St Helen's); Cardiff 24, Pontypool 3 (Newport).

CLUB MATCHES.—Abertillery 12, Cross Keys 7; Birkenhead Park 7, Nuneaton 6; Birmingham 13, Cheltenham 0; Blackheath 9, Bedford 10; Rosslyn Park 24, Bristol 14; Broughton Park 7, St Helens 0; Camborne 20, Weston-super-Mare 9; Exeter 3, Plymouth Albion 29; Fylde 20, Middlesbrough 21; Gosforth 23, Otley 4; Huddersfield 15, Hartlepool Rovers 0; Liverpool 3, Nottingham 22; London Scottish 9, Moseley 21; Morley 39, Bradford & Bingley 0; Neath 24, Newport 6; Newbridge 14, Aberavon 18; New Brighton 6, Headingley 20; Orrell 6, Wasps 3; Penarth 6, Swansea 58; Pontypridd 17, London Irish 14; Roundhay 9, West Hartlepool 32; Rugby 11, Preston Grasshoppers 6; Sale 9, Leicester 3; Saracens 17, Harlequins 37; Vale of Lune 16, Sheffield 9; Wakefield 16, Northern 9; Waterloo 24, Northampton 7.

SCHWEPPES SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Division One: Edinburgh Acads 4, Melrose 12; Glasgow Acads 16, West of Scotland 28; Heriot's FP 20, Boroughmuir 15; Kelso 20, Ayr 4; Stewart-Melville FP 0, Watsonians 6.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (Hilversum).—Netherlands Holland 15, Belgium 3. U-16.—Netherlands 0, England 34.

YESTERDAY

KENT CUP.—Final: Askeans 9, Blackheath 20.

MIDDLESEX CUP.—Final: Rosslyn Park 13, West London Institute 3.

Equestrianism

VOLVO WORLD CUP QUALIFIER.—1, F. Sloothaak (W Ger) Warkant, 0 faults 31.61 sec. European League Standings (after 10 qualifiers): 1, P. Schockemohle (W Ger) 89 points; 2, W. Melliger (Switz) 86; 3, N. Skelton (GB) 82.

Hockey

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS (Leicester). Group A: Bucks 0, Lancs 1; Bucks 5, Essex 1; Essex 1, Lancs 2. Group B: Leics 3, Avon 2; Middx 1, Leics 5; Avon 2, Middx 1. 5th place: Essex 3, Middx 3. 3rd place: Avon 4, Bucks 2. Final: Lancs 3, Leics 0.

MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Willesden). — Semi-final: Worcs 2, Cambs 0; Middx 2, Herts 0. Final: Middx 2, Worcs 3 (aet).

DIVISION. — Midlands 2, North 1; Midlands Under 21 0, North Under 21 7.

TSB NORTH-WEST LEAGUE (Saturday). — Bury 1, Bowdon 3; Hightown 1, Sefton 3. (Yesterday) Chester 0, Brooklands 0; Stourport 4, Bebington 0.

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE. — Premier (Saturday): Tulse Hill 0, Southgate 9. (Yesterday) Southgate 3, Blackheath 2. League: Bromley 2, Beckenham 2; Dulwich 2, Kingstonians 1; Guildford 5, Hawks 1; Purley 1, Maidenhead 0; Richmond 0, Hampstead 2.

OCL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE. — Adel 2, Ben Rhydding 1.

SITACT LEAGUE. — Pickwick 1, L. Westleigh 2.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. — Ipswich 1, 0. Loughtonians 0; Bedford 4, Ford 2; Broxbourne 5 Grasshoppers 3.

SCOTTISH CUP. — Semi-final: Kelburne 2, Rutherglen 1.

IRISH CUP. — Semi-finals: Avoca 2, Lisnagarvey 1; Mossley 1, Belfast YMCA 1 (aet).

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE (Saturday). — E. Grinstead 6, Eastcote 0. (Yesterday) Etessa 3, Walton 2; Fareham 3, Canterbury 0; Trojans 1, Indian Gym (0): Tunbridge Wells 1, E. Grinstead 5.

BERKS CUP. — Final: Reading 1, Maidenhead 7.

SOMERSET CUP. — Final: Brean 2, Firebrands 0.

GLOUCS CUP. — Semi-final: W. Glos 3, Bristol Univ 1.

CHESHIRE CUP. — Second Round: Bowdon 11, Sandbach 0.

S WALES CUP. — Semi-finals: Cardiff 6, Oystermouth 0; Swansea 1, Penarth 0.

REPRESENTATIVE. — Combined Services 2, Guildford 2.

Tennis

VIRGINIA SLIMS CHAMPIONSHIP (New York).—Singles, semi-finals: H. Sukova (Czech) beat K. Rinaldi (US) 6-4, 6-2; M. Navratilova (US) beat H. Mandlikova (Czech) 7-5, 7-6.

Final: Navratilova beat Sukova 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Doubles final: Navratilova and P. Shriver (US) beat Sukova and C. Kohde-Kilsch (W Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

ROTTERDAM GP.—Singles, semi-final: M. Mecir (Czech) beat J. Nystrom (Swe) 6-3, 6-3. Final: Mecir beat J. Hlasek (Switz) 6-1, 6-2.

LORRAINE OPEN (Paris).—Semi-finals: Rademeyer (SA) 42:03.8; 4, C. Lavado (Ven) T. Wilkison (US) beat P. Portes (Fr) 6-1, 6-1; S. Zivojinovic (Yugo) beat C. Hooper (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. Final: Wilkison beat Zivojinovic 4-6, 7-5, 9-7.

Cricket

TOUR MATCH (Basseterre, St Kitts).—New Zealand First Innings 171 (J. G. Wright 101; C. Hooper 5 for 35). West Indies U23 First Innings 278 for 9 (L. L. Lawrence 79, T. A. Haste 69; Stirling 4 for 68).

Golf

LAS VEGAS TOURNAMENT. — Leading scores (US unless stated): 270—T. Watson 66, 65, 68, 71. 271—W. Glasson 62, 68, 72, 69. 272—J. Haas 68, 70, 67, 67; C. Strange 69, 73, 64, 66. 273—M. O'Grady 67, 71, 70, 65; M. Smith 67, 69, 66, 71. 274—J. Miller 67, 73, 66, 68; M. Reid 69, 71, 68, 66. 275—J. Nelford (Can) 68, 71, 69, 67; B. Upper 71, 67, 66, 71; R. Maltbie 68, 71, 71, 65. 276—G. Norman (Aus) 68, 70, 71, 67; F. Couples 67, 69, 71, 69; F. Conner 66, 68, 69, 73. Others scores included: 280—B. Langer (WG) 70, 74, 65, 71. 281—K. Brown (GB) 68, 73, 73, 67. 283—S. Lyle (GB) 71, 73, 70, 69.

LPGA TOURNAMENT (Glendale, California). — Leading scores (US unless stated): 215—J. Stephenson (Aus) 70, 73, 72. 218—B. Pearson 73, 74, 71; B. Lauer 73, 75, 70; B. Mozness 70, 70, 78. 219—N. Lopez 73, 71, 75; P. Sinn (amateur) 70, 75, 74; P. Bradley 76, 71, 72. 220—A. Alcott 76, 70, 74; A. Hikage (Jap) 70, 74, 76; C. Morse 77, 72, 71.

ZAMBIAN OPEN (Lusaka).—Final leading scores (GB unless stated): 282—I. Woosnam 71, 72, 69, 70. 284—B. Marchbank 70, 76, 69, 69; E. Brand Snr 71, 76, 70, 67. 285—B. Waites 71, 70, 74, 70; T. Horton 69, 72, 71, 73. 286—R. Chapman 75, 70, 71, 70. 287—D. Jagger 76, 70, 72, 69; B. McColl 73, 75, 74, 65. 288—P. Hoad 69, 72, 72, 75. 289—C. Mason 73, 73, 69, 74; D. Ray 68, 71, 76, 74; C. Maltman 68, 75, 71, 75; P. Carrigill 74, 68, 72, 75. 290—P. Kent 72, 74, 72, 72; E. Darcy (Ire) 75, 73, 71, 71; J. Morgan 72, 72, 73, 73; P. Harrison 70, 71, 73, 76.

SENIORS PGA TOURNAMENT (Sun City, Arizona).—Leading scores (all US): 134—D. January 65, 69. 135—G. Littler 68, 67; D. Moody 68, 67. 137—M. Barber 67, 70; D. Ford 69, 68. 138—R. Erikson 68, 70; C. Sifford 69, 69; K. Still 68, 70; L. Elder 67, 71; L. Hebert 74, 64.

PRESIDENT'S PUTTER (Rye). — Final: E. R. Dexter beat A. W. J. Holmes 5 and 4.

Cycling

CRITERIUM INTERNATIONAL.—Second stage (84 kilometres to Antibes): 1, C. Berard (Fr) 2 hr 29 min 34 sec; 2, C. Mottet (Fr) 2:29:49; 3, S. Kelly (Ire) same time. Third stage (13km time trial): 1, S. Roche (Ire) 16 min 40 sec; 2, L. Fignon (Fr) 16.44; 3, J-L. Vandenbroucke (Bel) 16.49. Overall: 1, Roche 7 hr 11 min 10 sec; 2, J-F. Bernard (Fr) 7:11.34; 3, S. Kelly (Ire) 7:11.36.

EASTBOURNE-LONDON PRO-AM (87 miles).—1, A. Doyle (RMC-Security Grille) 3hr 22min 19sec; 2, M. Elliott (Raleigh) at 3min 35sec; 3, M. Doyle (Moducel) at 4min 56sec. Points: A. Doyle 16; M. Elliott 11.

Motor Cycling

SA GRAND PRIX (Kyalami). — 250cc (28 laps): 1, F. Spencer (US) Honda, 41min 56.3sec (ave speed 102.74 mph); 2, A. Mang (W Ger) Honda, 42:03.4; 3, M. Rademeyer (SA) 42:08.8; 4, C. Lavado (Ven) Yamaha, 42:10.9; 5, M. Wimmer (W Ger) Yamaha, 42:29.0.

500cc (30 laps): 1, E. Lawson (US) Yamaha, 42min 58.0sec (ave speed 107.44 mph); 2, F. Spencer (US) Honda, 43:02.9; 3, W. Gardner (GB) Honda, 43:20.8; 4, R. Haslam (GB) Honda, 43:23.4; 5, R. Mamola (US) Honda, 43:41.8.

Cross Country

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Norwich) — Boys, Senior (8km): 1, S. Cuddy (Northumberland) 27min 31sec. Team: W Yorkshire 217. Intermediates (6.5km): 1, D. Mead (Norfolk) 21min 55sec. Team: Greater Manchester 206. Junior (5km): 1, A. Judy (Kent) 18min 12sec. Team: Greater Manchester 117. Girls, Senior (4.5km): 1, M. Smith (Cheshire) 16min 23sec. Team: Cheshire 218. Intermediates (4km): 1, S. Reilly (Derby) 15min 12sec. Team: Merseyside 188. Junior (3.5km): J. Adkin (Kent) 12min 52sec. Team: Kent 307.

Darts

DIAMOND BITTER NATIONS CUP (Alexandra Pal, London).—Final: Finland 5, England 4.

Basketball

NATIONAL TROPHY.—Final: Brunel Ducks Uxbridge 74, McEwan Tyneside 73.

FOUNDERS CUP.—Final. Second Leg: St Albans 67, Brixton 91 (Brixton win 196-154 on agg).

Table Tennis

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Douglas, IoM). — Finals: Men's Singles: D. Douglas (England) beat A. Cooke (England) 21-14, 21-14, 21-17. Women's Singles: K Witt (England) beat Hui So Hung (Hong Kong) 21-19, 18-21, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15. Men's Doubles: A. Musa and F. Sule (Nigeria) beat D. Douglas and C. Prean (England) 13-21, 21-13, 22-20. Women's Doubles: M. Domenikos and G. Hsu (Canada) beat Hui So Hung and Yue Kam Kai (Hong Kong) 21-19, 21-17. Mixed Doubles: D. Douglas and A. Gordon (England) beat Lo Chuen Tsung and Mok Ka Sha (Hong Kong) 21-10, 21-8.

Road Walking

NATIONAL AND INTER COUNTIES (10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP (York).—1, I. McCombie (Cambridge Harriers and Kent) 66min 52sec (championship record). Team: Leicester 39 points. Inter-Counties team: Yorkshire 31.

Swimming

SPEEDO SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (Wrexham).—1, England 161pts; 2, Scotland 120; 3, Ireland 92; 4, Wales 64.

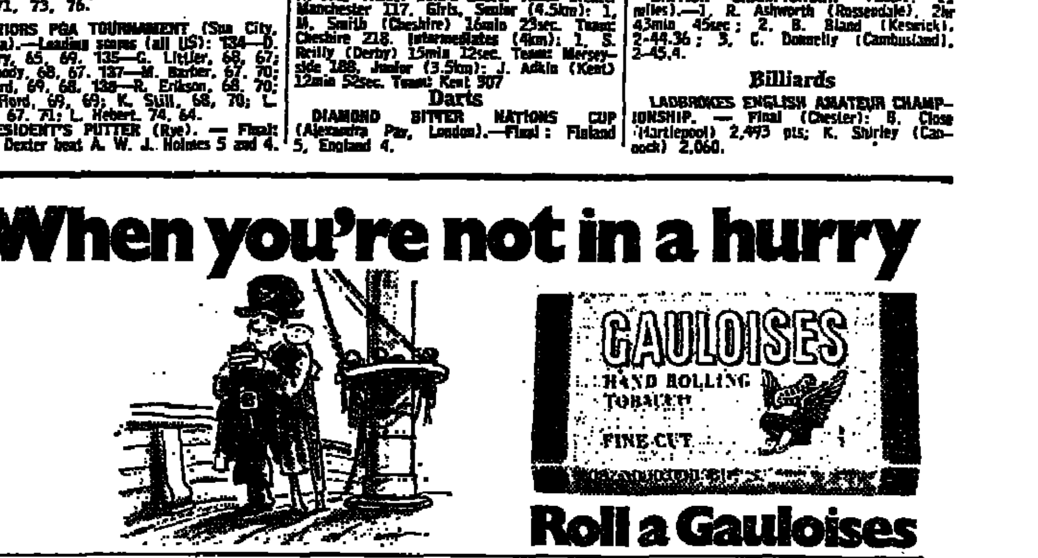
Fell Running

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP (Edale, 21 miles).—1, R. Ashworth (Rossendale), 2hr 43min 45sec; 2, B. Bland (Keswick), 2-44.36; 3, C. Donnelly (Cambusland), 2-45.4.

Billiards

LADBROKES ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP. — Final (Chester): B. Close (Hartlepool) 2,493 pts; K. Shirley (Cannock) 2,060.

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BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 Postman Pat. 2 0 Men ... at Home. 2 25 Streetwise. Self-defence tips. 2 35 Prima! German for tourists. 2 50 Songs of Praise from St Mary's RC Church, Leyland Ceefax sub-titles. 3 25 Pages from Ceefax. 3 48 Regional News (except London). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 SuperTed. 4 15 Jackanory. The *Magic Pudding* by Norman Lindsay. 4 30 Bananaman. 4 35 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang. 5 0 Newsround. 5 5 Blue Peter. Ceefax sub-titles. 5 35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 0 **NEWS**; weather.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

7 0 **WOGAN.** *And his revolving door guests* include Anna Ford, Edna O'Brien, the Flying Pickets, and soccer star Graham Souness.

7 40 **FAME:** Blizzard. Snowed in at the dream factory overnight, staff and students of the Performing Arts High *School find the accommodations less* than luxurious. Chris and Danny try to fix the heating. Doris, Jesse, Nicole, and a terrified intruder are obliged to undertake a different kind of patching-up.

8 30 **ARE YOU BEING SERVED?** Friends and Neighbours. Mollie Sugden, John Inman lead the department store sitcom — with the staff discovering that a place on the premises saves time and *money, but does nothing for their* tempers.

9 0 **NEWS**; weather.

9 25 **PANORAMA:** The Jewish Pawns in Russia's Game. Michael Lindley in a report filmed secretly in Moscow and Leningrad, talks to the Refuseniks: the thou*sands of Russian Jews who want to* leave the Soviet Union and are not allowed to go. Cut off from their relatives abroad, harassed by the KGB, sacked from their jobs and sentenced to hard labour, their plight is desperate.

10 5 **OPERATION UNDERCOVER.** Looking every inch a nobody, Richard Gere makes his film debut in Broadway director Milton Katselas's plausible *1974 crime thriller. An attractive girl* is shot dead in a drug dealer's apartment, and a policeman is charged with her murder. Both of them had been undercover cops in sleazy, dangerous Times Square. The Commissioner of Police demands a full report, not just the customary cover-up. Roaring chases, colourful Manhattan locations, and a claustrophobic finale in an elevator brighten a lowbrow but lively feature.

11 55 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.
Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 *Channel One*. 11 55 Channel One Update. 11 58-12 0 News; weather; close.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 15 Daytime on Two: Higher Education; 9 38 Going to Work; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Music Time; 10 38 British Social History; 11 0 Zig Zag (Ceefax subtitles). 11 23 Des le Debut; 11 42 General Studies: Can Marriage Survive? 12 8 pm Pages from Ceefax; 12 35 Receding Horizons; 1 25 Pages from Ceefax; 1 38 Scotland this Century; 2 0 Words and Pictures; *2 18 Exploring Science; 2 40 The Music Arcade.* 3 0 Pages from Ceefax.

5 25 **NEWS** *with sub-titles; weather.*

5 30 **LIFEBOAT:** Dangerous Cargo. Brian Thompson's continuing ac*count of the brave men in the* Humber lifeboat.

6 0 **DIAL M FOR MURDER** (1954). Ray Milland is the nonchalant tennis pro hiring a hit man to murder his rich, faithless wife, Grace Kelly. Hitchcock beautifully manages all *his usual flourishes, in spite of* the limitations of a single-roomed set, and a 3D camera which couldn't focus on the crucial tele*phone dial — so a gargantuan dial* had to be built, along with a big fat prop finger to stick into it. You'll have to look hard to spot the Master's token appearance — in a group photo on a wall.

7 40 **ANIMATION NOW:** Give Me Some Action. Animation against unemployment — to the tune of a song by Pagoda.

7 45 **MADHUR JAFFREY'S INDIAN COOKERY:** Tandoori Prawns.

8 10 **HORIZON:** How to Film the Impossible. A behind-the-scenes look at the technical jiggery-pokery involved in conjuring up Hollywood's most magical spectacles.

9 0 **LAUGH??? I NEARLY PAID MY LICENCE FEE.** Penultimate compilation from the alternative comedy revue.

9 25 **THE YOUNG ONES.** Another repeat episode of the show that's done so much for hamsters, tampons, and Cliff Richard ...

10 0 **ARENA:** The Old Kent Road. South Londoner Mary Dickinson samples the myriad delights to be found in the historic, fun-filled thoroughfare — which boasts 14 pubs in less than two miles.

11 0 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11 45 Weatherview.

11 50 **ANIMATION NOW:** Top Priority. Canadian film with a message — set in a Third World country that chooses weapons over water and feeding the population. 12 5 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines; Schools: 9 30 Picture Box; 9 47 Let's Read . . . with Basil Brush; 9 59 Stop *Look, Listen; 10 12 Starting Science;* 10 32 The English Programme; 11 2 Seeing and Doing; 11 20 Junior Maths; 11 38 The French Programme. 12 0 Tickle on the Tum. 12 10 pm Let's Pretend. 12 30 Baby and Co. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 Film: The Naked Jungle, 1954 adventure *yarn with Charlton Heston, Eleanor* Parker. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 Tickle on the Tum. 4 15 Batfink. 4 20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4 45 Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest. Oracle sub-titles. 5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.

5 45 **NEWS**; weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS** with Andrew Gardner, Tina Jenkins.

6 25 **HELP!** with Viv Taylor Gee. Oracle sub-titles.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **WHAT'S MY LINE?** Eamonn Andrews presents more mystifying metiers your careers officer never thought to fill you in on.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **ROLL OVER BEETHOVEN.** Can bright-eyed Belinda (Liza Goddard), music teacher and daddy's girl, break the ties that bind — and hit the road with weedy rock millionaire Nigel (Nigel Planer)? Oracle sub-titles.

8 30 **WORLD IN ACTION:** A Prescription for the Poor, 3. The first two programmes took a long hard look at the NHS's problems. Now for *some possible solutions. Could we* really get better care, at no extra cost, by going private?

9 0 **QUINCY:** Quincy's Wedding — Part 1. The grizzled pathologist, getting ready to tie the knot himself, has to unravel yet another in *the shape of an old lady who* claims she saw her spouse off, on the eve of their wedding anniversary.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN.** Thames News Headlines.

10 30 **THE LADY VANISHES.** This 1938 classic movie replaces the scheduled film as a tribute to Michael Redgrave, who died last week. *Written by Gilliat and Launder,* directed by Hitchcock, and featuring Margaret Lockwood, Basil Radford and Naunton Wayne, this is perhaps the best train thriller of them all. Other ITV companies are screening it this afternoon.

12 15 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with *Moshe* Davis. Closedown.

Channel 4

2 35 pm Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War. 19: Wanting Out. 3 0 The Late Late Show. 4 0 A Plus 4. 4 30 The People's Court. 5 0 *Alice.*

5 30 **4 COMPUTER BUFFS.** Tony Bastable and Jane Ashton with the last *in the series for serious computer* users — reviewing d-i-y computer books, and playing jazz with the aid of a Macintosh.

6 0 **WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Ray Alan chairs the faintly famous faces travel quiz.

6 30 **S.W.A.L.K.:** Shaping Up. Final repeat episode of Paula Milne's bitter-sweet cautionary tale for *soppy teens has Nicola Cowper* putting paid at last to Prunella Scales's fantasy-peddling Patti.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment by David Gilmour. Weather.

8 0 **BROOKSIDE.**

8 30 **RELATIVE STRANGERS.** Penultimate prog in the grubby sitcom starring Matthew Kelly as free spirit Fitz, Mark Farmer as his illegitimate son John.

9 0 **REPERCUSSIONS:** Caribbean Crucible. The Afro-American musical history series visits Jamaica and the Dominican Republic — and looks at how the music of the slave societies fuelled the throbbing exuberance of rumba merengue and reggae.

10 5 **NEWHART:** Best Friends.

10 35 **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITS.** The Eleventh Hour season of independent fiction films continues with a 1984 double-bill in which contemporary women sift the mystery deaths of ladies long gone. The first, Claire Barwell's feminist retort to Antonioni's thriller Blow Up, reconstructs the macabre fate of a pregnant woman, using 1922 police photographs of the Lea River in Clapton, London.

10 55 **PROPERTY RITES.** In Heather Powell's film young Birmingham writer Cathy and her friend Lynn determine to uncover the truth behind acquitted Abraham Thornton's alleged rape and murder of Mary Ashford, back in 1817. 12 0 Close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Countdown. 1 30 Face the Press. 2 0 Ffenestri. 2 20 Cei Cocos. 2 35 Film: The Adventures of Mark Twain (1944), with Frederick March. 4 50 Dan Draed. 5 0 Straeon y Byd. 5 30 4 Computer Buffs. 6 0 Discovery. 6 30 Diar, Diar, Doctor. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Arolwg. 8 0 Treasure Hunt. 9 0 Bowen a'i Bartner. 9 55 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10 25 Well Being. *11 10 Design Matters.* 11 35 The other side of the tracks. 12 35 am Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 *Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.*
3 25 As London.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 About *Anglia.*
6 30 A War in the Kingdom.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Anglia Reports.
11 0 The Streets of San Francisco.
12 0 Live at City Hall.
12 30 Insights; close.

Central

6 15 As London.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Film: *Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.*
3 15 Look at Me.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Happy Days.
5 45 News.
6 0 Central News.
6 30 Citizen '85.
7 0 As London.
10 35 Venture.
11 5 Kolchak: The Night Stalker.
12 5 Contact.
12 25 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 Dreams.
2 0 Film: Garden of Evil. 1954 western with Gary Cooper, Richard Widmark, Susan Hayward.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 30 I Believe.
7 0 As London.
10 34 Paul Simon: Hearts and Bones.
11 15 Judi.
11 40 News in French; Close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 Film: Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.
3 15 What Do Flowers Do?
3 15 The Printmaker.
3 25 Granada Reports News.
3 30 Scramble.
4 0 As London
5 15 The Beverly Hillbillies.
5 45 News.
6 0 Scramble!
6 30 Granada reports.
7 0 As London.
9 0 Magnum.
10 0 News at Ten.
10 30 Barney Miller.
11 0 The Week Tonight.
11 45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker.

HTV

6 15 As London.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Film: Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.
3 30 As London.
5 45 The Comedians.
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Tim Walker at Home.
11 0 Wholly Wedlock.
12 0 Green Shoes.
12 30 Weather: close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-7 0 pm Wales at Six. 10 30 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. 11 0 Film: Night Gallery. *1969 mystery with* Roddy McDowall, Joan Crawford. 12 45 am Weather; close.

South

6 15 As London.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Film: Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.
3 30 As London.
5 15 Sons and Daughters.
5 45 News.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 40 Airmail.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Questions.
11 30 The Yellow Rose.
12 30 Company: close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 Dreams.
2 0 Film: Alvarez Kelly.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-west.
6 30 *Diff'rent* Strokes.
7 0 As London.
10 34 Paul Simon — 'Hearts and Bones.'
11 0 From Cornwall.
12 0 Postscript: weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
1 20 North-east News; lookaround.
1 30 Film: Demetrius and the Gladiators. 1954 spectacle with Victor Mature, Susan Hayward.
3 20 Cartoon Time.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 45 News.
6 2 Mr and Mrs.
6 30 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
9 0 Magnum.
10 0 News at Ten.
10 32 Film: Nightwatch. 1973 shocker with Elizabeth Talor, Lawrence Harvey.
12 15 Mission England; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
1 20 Calendar News.
1 30 Film: Sir Michael Redgrave in The Lady Vanishes.
3 0 The Protectors.
3 25 News Headlines.
3 30 A Country Practice.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Benson.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 30 Clegg's People.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Calendar Commentary.
11 0 Prisoner: Cell Block H.
12 0 Close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 *Mike Read.* 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Mark Page. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Paul Heiney. 3 30 Music All the Way. 4 0 Steve Jones. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0 Alan Dell: Dance Band Days; Big Band Era. 9 0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10 0 Some of These Days. 10 30 Star Sound Special: Henry Mancini. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Bill Rennells. 3 0-4 0 Folk on 2.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News; Morning Concert.
9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Chopin, Fantasia on Polish Airs (Claudio Arrau/LPO/Inbal); Piano Concerto No 2 (Ivo Pogorelich/Chicago SO/Abbado).
10 0 Handel Trio Sonatas, in G minor and in E, plus Arne's Trio Sonata in A. L'Ecole d'Orphee.
10 40 Dvorak: Symphony No 7. Amsterdam Concertgebouw/*Colin Davis.*
11 20 Sweeter than Roses. Songs from the English baroque by Purcell, Blow, Eccles, and Croft. Catherine Bott (soprano), David Roblou (harpsichord).
11 50 BBC Scottish SO/Volker Wangenheim, Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich (piano). Charles Dakin: Adoration of the Magi; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 1; Wilhelm Killmayer: Nachtgedanken (first UK performance).
1 0 News; *BBC Lunchtime Concert:* Peter Serkin (piano). Mozart: Sonata in B flat; Chopin: Four Mazurkas; Beethoven: Sonata Op 109.
2 0 Music Weekly: Beethoven and the piano; Boulez at 60.
2 45 New Records. Monteverdi: L'Orfeo, Act 3 (Nigel Rogers, tenor, London Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble/London Baroque); Mozart Serenade (LPO Wind Ensemble); Ravel: Cinq melodies populaires grecques (Mady Mesple, soprano, Dalton Baldwin, piano); Stravinsky: Rite of Spring (Montreal SO/Dutoit).
4 55 News; *Mainly for Pleasure.*
6 30 Music for Organ (Wolfgang Stockmeier). Atonal improvisation; Krebs: Prelude and Fugue in D; Improvisation in the style of Reger.
7 0 Imogen Holst: Fall of the leaf. String Quintet. Endellion Quartet, Steven Isserlis (cello).
7 30 Bach at Lubeck, direct from the Marienkirche. Ernst Erich Stender (organ), Klaus Fliegel (bass), Marienkirche Boys Choir, N. German Radio Chorus and Chamber Orch/Hans-Jurgen Wille. Franz Tunder: Praeambulum; Buxtehude: a Cantata, a Chorale and a Toccata; Bach: Motets, Chorales, Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and Passacaglia in C minor.
9 0 Of Cadres and Kings. Aspects of S-East Asian Life, 2: The Colonial Dance.
9 45 Pelleas and Melisande. Faure: Prelude *Pelleas et Melisande* (Toulouse Capitole Orch/Plasson); Schoenberg: Pelleas und Melisande (Berlin PO/Karajan).
10 35 *Every Bump is Suspect.* Conversation with photographer Fay Godwin.
11 0 Charpentier Oratories: Caecilia, *virgo et martyr; Filius Prodigus.*
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Week.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0, News.
8 35 The Week on 4.
8 35 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives.
9 0 News; Start the Week with Richard Baker.
10 0 News; Money Box. How the Budget affects you.
10 30 Morning Story: The Answer Depends, by John O'Hara.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 News; Down Your Way in Nuneaton, Warwickshire.
11 48 Poetry Please.
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 King Street Junior, by Jim Eldridge. New series about a young, keen teacher battling a jaded headmaster.
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour with novelist Barbara Taylor Bradford.
3 3 News; Afternoon Play. Willy's Wild Oats. Murder mystery by Jack Gratus.
4 17 My Small Corner. Anthology from Wales.
4 40 Story Time: Jennings in Particular, by Anthony Buckeridge (5).
5 0 PM. News magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 Nineteen Ninety-Four. Futuristic serial set in the newly privatised Department of the Environment.
7 0 News. The Archers.
7 20 Six Women (5): Sculptress Dame Elisabeth Frink.
7 45 Science Now.
8 15 The Monday Play: Jonathan Wild, by Henry Fielding. Adaptation by Nick Dear of the satirical life *of 18th century "Thief Taker* General."
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime. The Rich Mrs Robinson, by Winifred Beechey (6).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; Weather; Shipping.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 Schools. 1 55 pm Listening Corner. 2 5-3 0 Schools. 11 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 10 am Open University. 12 30-1 10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 25 Dafydd Roberts. 7 33 AM. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 11 30 Fair Play. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase. 1 45 Alun Williams. 3 3 That's How It Was. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 9 45 On Show. 10 15 Folk on Monday. 11 2-4 0 am As Radio 2.
Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather, Gwerler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Rhwng Gwyr. 9 45 Gwyntyll. 10 30 Ar Daith. 11 0 Newyddion. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin Dydd Llun. 12 27 pm Torri Record. 1 0 Ar yr Awr. 1 20 Gardiau. 1 30 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 30 Afternoon Play. 4 45 Interlude. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gwerler Wales. 9 45 Fireson. 10 15 Newyddion. Star Fideo. Radio Cymru. 11 30-1 10 am As Radio 4 VHF.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Margreen's Gathering. 12 0 News. In the Country. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News. Prospect. 6 35 Tell Me More. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The Musician in Scotland. 8 2 As Radio 2. 10 0 News; Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close As Radio 4.

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BBC World Service can be heard in Western Europe on medium wave 648kHz (463m) at the following times GMT: 6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-four Hours. 7 30 Sarah and Company. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Gulliver. 8 30 Anything Goes. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 Waveguide. 9 25 Good Books. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Peebles' Choice. 10 0 News. Science in Action. 10 30 Music Now. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 Sins of Old Age. 12 0 Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Brain of Britain 1985. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. Twenty-four Hours. 1 30 The Elements of Music. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 At Home with ... 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Mainstream. 3 45 Sins of Old Age. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 4 30 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 4 45 The World Today. 5 0 News. 5 9 Book Choice. 5 15 My World. 6 0 News. 6 15 Short Takes. 6 30 Rock Salad. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 11 30 Brain of Britain 1985. 12 0 News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Sarah and Company. 1 0 News. Outlook. 1 30 Short Story. 1 45 Out on the Floor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Sports International. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 *John Peel.* 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 Shakespeare and Music. 5 45 The World Today.

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DEATHS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD, on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1985, at 12.0 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act. — Dated this 15th day of March, 1985. By Order of the Board.
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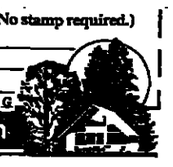
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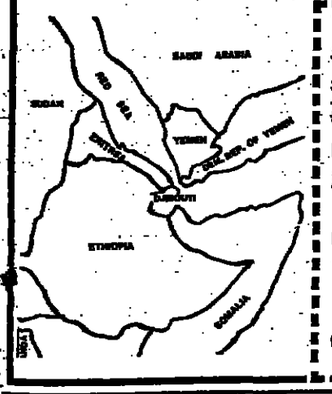
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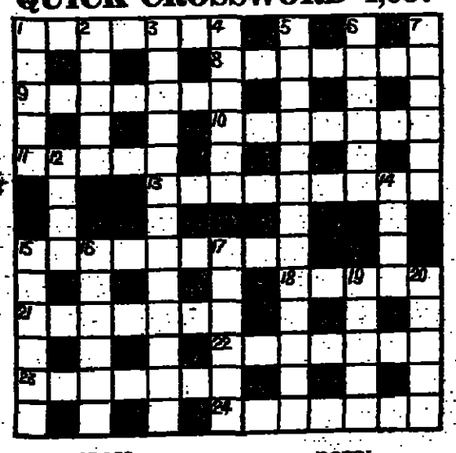
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1 One who isn't all there (4-3).
8 Flying display (3, 4).
9 Vehicle for farm use (7).
10 N. wind in S. France (7).
11 Opening — break shell! (5).
13 Drunk and —— (9).
15 Visionary — astronomer? (4-5).
18 Scottish or Australian city (5).
21 What one may resemble on a hot humid day (4, 3).
22 Regard (7).
23 Genuine (7).
24 Implore (7).

DOWN
1 Get a lift — snag! (5).
2 14 down but not —— (5).
3 Instructions on behalf of a third party (8, 5).
4 Road surface (6).
5 We have misunderstandings when at them (5, 8).
6 Angel (5).
7 Square root of a gross (6).
12 Relative (4).
14 Endure (4).
15 Sound of hitting water (6).
16 Nut (6).
17 Yugoslav city (6).
19 Old English magistrate (5).
20 Cage for rabbit etc (5).

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Across: 1 Clockwork; 8 Over; 9 Schooling; 10 Knit; 13 Morag; 15 Mervyn; 16 Liquor; 17 Heehaw; 19 Ankara; 20 Trent; 21 Sage; 24 Facetious; 25 Safe; 26 Chameleon.

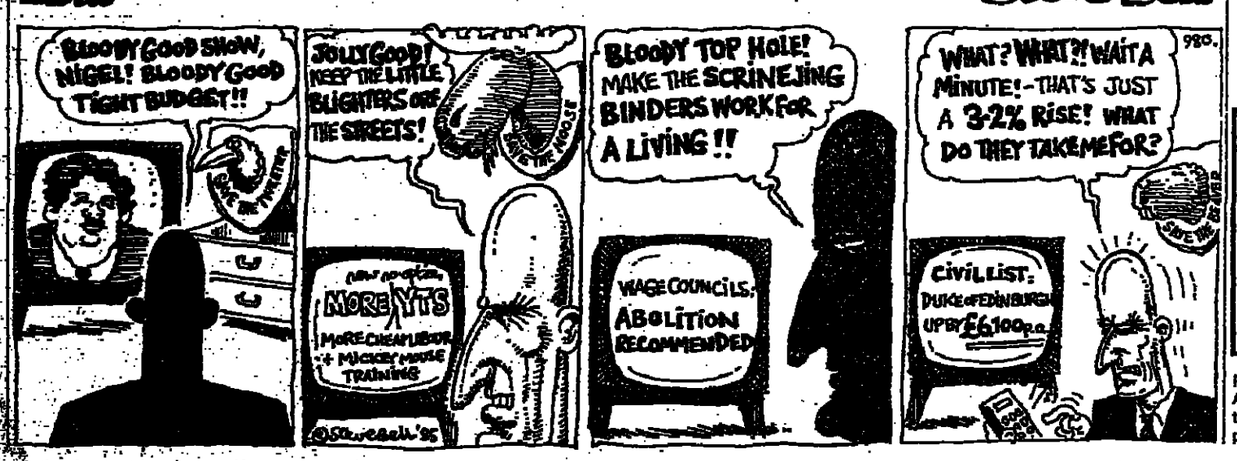
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Legal brake on Sun printers

By Sarah Boseley

News International took legal action yesterday against print unions which have disrupted the Sun and News of the World.

At a private hearing in Surrey, a judge granted an order against the National Graphical Association, Sogat 82 and named union officials, instructing them to withdraw directives to their members to strike.

Mr Bruce Matthews, the group's managing director, said last night that the order was intended to restrain union members from taking action that was a breach of contract and had not been sanctioned by a ballot.

With the Sun off the streets again today, some 23½ million copies of News International papers have been lost since the dispute began last Monday. The rows ostensibly involve broken printing plates, which the unions say constitute a health and safety problem, but which management has suggested involve negligence.

Mr Matthews said: "It's so serious now that we believed when we lost the News of the World they had left us with no other alternative."

News of the World NGA and Sogat 82 members took sympathy action when management made it clear it would not pay print workers who had stopped the Sun. Three million copies were lost in London, although 2.4 million copies were printed in Manchester.

Underlying the dispute are the delicate negotiations between management and unions over a planned move to a new print works in Tower Hamlets, east London, which News International had hoped would incorporate the newest developments in newspaper technology. The print unions — and in particular, the NGA — have been demanding higher manning levels.

Mr Matthews said yesterday: "No longer can we tolerate being bled to death by an unnecessary industrial action. In 1984, we lost 59 million copies of the Sun alone. The workers at our newspapers are among the highest paid in the country. They have the advantage of instant blackmail each night, and they exploit this to the full.

The unions were not represented at yesterday's court hearing. Those leaders involved in the dispute were said to be meeting in London last night to discuss their reaction to the order.

School strike 'starting to hurt pupils'

By our Education Staff

The teachers' industrial action was having a serious effect on pupils and the running of schools, leaders of the Secondary Heads Association warned yesterday.

Children were playing truant, holding their own protest strikes, education was suffering, and the dispute was taking its toll on the health of heads who were facing an "intolerable and sometimes impossible" situation.

The largest secondary head teacher organisation called for an immediate government intervention to break the deadlock in the bitter pay dispute, passing an emergency resolution which called for an urgent reconvening of the Burnham pay negotiating committee in an attempt to settle the dispute.

It also wanted the employer local authorities to allow flexibility in deploying staff to cope with the effect of disruption.

The third largest teaching union in England and Wales, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, is to refuse lunch-time duties, but has voted against strike action and withdrawing cover for absent colleagues.

Its decision, which follows a ballot of members, means that the great majority of the nation's teaching force is committed to industrial action in support of its pay claim.

The warning from the Secondary Heads Association came from members of its executive at a press conference in Nottingham, where it is holding its annual conference.

They said that with the example of a 12-month miners' strike and now five weeks of teachers' strikes, children in some areas were following suit with their own forms of protest — "playground strikes."

Mr Peter Snape, the general secretary, said while his association had every sympathy with teachers' pay problems, their industrial action was putting increasing stress and strain on heads.

"Many seem to take the view that except when they are actually standing in front of a class teaching, everything else is a matter of goodwill.

"We are having far too many cases of heads' health suffering." Schools had undergone virtually 12 months of industrial action, with this year's strike following so closely upon last year's long dispute.

Nor would it escape the notice of parents and potential parents that the independent sector was entirely untouched by the troubles in the state schools.

Mr Snape and the SHA president, Mr. Derek Dutton, of Richmond School, Yorkshire, both expressed concern at the increasing numbers of pupils staying away from school, either through increased truancy or because of teachers' strikes.

Mr Snape said: "In Scotland the attendance of children in the face of these long strikes has become unacceptable."

Mr Brian Worthy, deputy head of Newbold Green School, in Chesterfield, said there was concern in North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire, where children had been affected first by the miners' and now the teachers' strike.

Mr Brian Stevens said some of the best teachers were beginning to vote with their feet because of poor pay and conditions.

In his school, Longsands Community College, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, the physics department head was leaving to join the RAF, a computer teacher was going into industry for far higher pay, and a young PE teacher was joining the police.

In its final week of action before Easter, the largest union, the National Union of Teachers plans to disrupt the education of more than 355,000 children in English and Welsh schools as 8,500 members in 466 schools in 52 education authority areas are called out.

● The National Association of Teachers in further and higher education is to hold its first national ballot for strike action if the employers do not improve their pay offer.

● The national council of the 78,000-strong association has condemned the failure of the management side to reach agreement after 12 hours of negotiations last Thursday.

Council members, meeting in London at the weekend, were angry because earlier hopes of a breakthrough were dashed. The management side, representing local authorities in England and Wales, offered 4 per cent, the union wants a substantial pay rise and an improvement in the pay structure.

The national council decided that if the dispute was not settled quickly, it would conduct a national ballot on strike action.

It is continuing the withdrawal of goodwill and refusal-to-cover sanctions, which began last week in 800 colleges and polytechnics.

Gearing up to 'liberate' business

Continued from page one

Government's tax cutting system.

But there was not the slightest sign of a change of heart by either the Prime Minister or her Chancellor over the weekend. Mrs Thatcher's speech firmly favoured 19th century free market measures, and she was backed by Mr Nigel Lawson in an LWT Weekend World television interview yesterday.

They were backed by Lord Young last night on Channel Four news. He vigorously attacked the minimum pay rules laid down by the statutory wages councils, declaring that they condemned thousands of young people to unemployment by pricing them out of jobs.

He revealed that his job now was to remove the barriers to job creation. "Government does not create jobs, it destroys jobs," he said. "Part of my task is to remove the obstacles the Government puts up against the creation of jobs."

Lord Young argued that new jobs were no longer likely to come from big employers like Fords, which were going to employ fewer people with the advance of automation. It was towards small businesses, especially in the service industries, that the Government was looking for significant job creation.

The programme is clearly intended to polish the Government's image as a caring and compassionate administration, doing its best within its ideological limits for the unemployed.

It is not a move which will impress either the Opposition parties or the Tory wets, however. That is expected to be made clear in the Commons this afternoon, by Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative prime minister and arch-critic of the Thatcher cabinet, who intends to speak in the final day of the 1985 budget debate.

Homeless lodged in health risk hotels

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Chelsea, Lambeth, Newham, and Ealing.

In the coming financial year, Camden expects its spending to rise from £1.4 million to £7 million with between £3 million and £4.5 million coming from social security.

About 3,200 families are already in bed and breakfast accommodation. One authority, Brent, suggests that it could be housing over 1,000 families in this way later this year compared with 750 now.

Camden says the number of homeless families it houses has jumped from 70 to 700

At the same time a survey by Camden environmental health inspectors of 73 hotels in London used by homeless families, has recommended that authorities stop using 26 as soon as possible.

Two of the hotels on the list, the Marco Polo and the Conway Court, have received substantial sums from tax and ratepayers. The Marco Polo is estimated by Camden council to be receiving £520,000 a year to provide facilities for 43 families at any one time.

The Conway Court is shown by Brent council to have received £595,898 in the financial year 1983-84. Another "unsuitable" hotel named in the report is the Cleopatra, which received £131,402 from Brent in 1983-84.

Brent environmental health officers found a number of other unsuitable hotels, including the McCormacks Hotel, which has received £150,553 from the council; and the Sandringham Hotel, which has received £40,000 from Tower Hamlets council and an unknown sum from Brent.

Runcie's warning for bishop dissidents

By Martyn Halsall, Churches Correspondent

Bishops make themselves ridiculous if they attack government policies with insufficient expertise, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie says in a Guardian interview published today.

"There has to be realistic hard talking and there has to be tough action to get the economy right and bishops who talk without the necessary expertise of bringing inflation under control make themselves ridiculous," he says.

Dr Runcie's comments — which include a robust defence of church leaders' rights to criticise adverse social effects of government policies — were made in advance of the Prime Minister's denunciation of unnamed episcopal opponents as "spring cuckoos."

Mrs Thatcher was speaking on Saturday in Newcastle upon Tyne where two weeks ago Dr Runcie called for a government strategy to combat inter city dereliction and criticised government training schemes. The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins was seen as the Prime Minister's particular target.

Her remarks brought condemnation from the shadow home secretary Mr Gerald Kaufman who said her "sanctimonious sermon" on law and order delivered in the same speech was "monstrous hypocritical impertinence."

"A whole collection of court verdicts against Tory ministers proves this to be the most lawless government of modern times," he said.

Dr Runcie — who has been at the centre of numerous church-state disputes over recent opposition within the Church of England to government policy — says he enjoys a "good and easy relationship" with the Prime Minister.

He sees the Church of England, in "critical solidarity" with the Government, supporting politicians but needing to question the effect of major policies.

He also refutes from personal experience one of the major arguments against the ordination of women. He said women's ordination in Anglican provinces overseas has not brought about "the kind of schism which people have prophesised."

This summer the Church of England will hold elections for a new synod, whose members will decide during the next five years whether women should become priests.

On the frontier of spirituality, Page 17.



CUP CLINCH: Norwich City player Mick Channon and team manager Ken Brown after winning the Milk Cup Final at Wembley yesterday. David Lacey, page 25
Picture by Tommy Hindley

NUM 'to lose levy ballot'

By John Ardill

The executive of the National Union of Mineworkers may have lost last week's pithead ballot on a 50p a head levy to support miners sacked during the strike.

Some sources put the vote against the levy as high as 60 per cent, while others suggest the result may be close. The Nottinghamshire, South Derbyshire, and Leicestershire areas boycotted the ballot and there are reports of high absenteeism elsewhere.

Lack of a campaign and poor ballot organisation are being blamed for the low turnout. Even if there is a majority in favour, the union will be left to collect the levy because the coal board's agreement to deduct NUM membership contributions at source excludes special one-off levies. One union leader said yesterday that it would probably be a question of "passing the bucket."

There is also a growing move to end the national overtime ban, which has been abandoned by the Nottinghamshire area and will be lifted by South Derbyshire if the national executive does not recommend the move on Thursday. The final decision would probably have to be taken by the national delegate conference.

Woman crushed

A woman in her 70s was killed yesterday when a wall collapsed on her as she walked down her garden path on her way to church in Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

SA police minister told to resign over violence

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Blackburn, a provincial council member of the PFP, that the officer in charge of that police unit at Thursday's march was drunk or under the influence of alcohol while on duty four days before the incident.

The officer, Lt Johan Fouche, has filed a counter-claim against Mrs Blackburn alleging that she falsely accused him in public of being drunk on duty.

Last Thursday's marchers were going from Langa township, outside the Uitenhage, to a funeral in the town's other township, Kwanobuhle.

Mr Le Grange said the crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 refused orders to turn back, and threw stones, sticks and petrol bombs at an 18-man police unit, forcing the police to open fire.

Police in Eastern Cape said yesterday that the deaths of three people on Saturday night occurred after police opened fire when they were attacked by a mob who had looted and burned a shop. They also said a man was wounded, seven people arrested and a police vehicle damaged in the incident.

Earlier on Saturday, the Kwannobuhle home of a community councillor, Mr T.B. Kinikini was gutted by fire. His 18-year-old son, Silumo, was killed by a mob and police said one of two charred bodies found in Kwannobuhle on Saturday was believed to be Mr Kinikini's.

Police headquarters in Pretoria reported that the houses of community councillors in Parys and Welkom, in Orange Free State, were stoned. Police in Kimberley used teargas to disperse a crowd and eight policemen were injured at Stilfontein in the Transvaal when 150 youths marched on local government offices.

Mr Crocker said on ABC television that the South African Government "has some homework to do. More important, it has some negotiating to do." He said if the government tried to impose changes without negotiating with the black majority, "it's not going to work."

Vote backs strike call

By John Ardill
Labour Correspondent

The second largest Civil Service union, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, has secured a majority of about 53 per cent for a one-day strike next Monday, followed by guerrilla action leading to a possible all-out stoppage.

The union's executive agreed yesterday to go ahead with the plan but will take a final decision after an executive meeting this afternoon of the Civil and Public Services Association. The CPSA faces legal action by the Government for not obeying the secret ballot rules on the strike plan.

Early returns from the CPSA's consultation show a majority for the strike and militants on the executive are expected to press the union to defy the Government's application for an injunction and damages. The general-secretary, Mr Alastair Graham, is expected to urge calling off the consultation which ends on Thursday morning

Decision day for CPSA, PAGE 2.

Hurd plays down idea of initiative on Ulster

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There was warning that such moves could lead to bloodshed.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said: "We will not have the destiny of the Ulster settled in Dublin; we will settle the destiny of Ulster." He described Mr Hurd and Sir Geoffrey Howe's visit to Dublin for talks last Friday as a "mission of teachery."

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionist Party, said that the speculation was an old ploy designed to unnerve Unionists.

Mr John Hume, leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, said the speculation raised fears that might not be realised and hope that might not be fulfilled. He said the only fact really known at the moment was that the two governments were talking

Michael White adds: Mr Hurd's 10-day coast-to-coast tour is intended to persuade American politicians and the public that London is talking seriously with Dublin about the future shape of Ireland.

The visit begins in Washington where Mr Hurd will see administration officials including representatives of the FBI which, along with the Justice Department, has been using the courts to harry Noraid

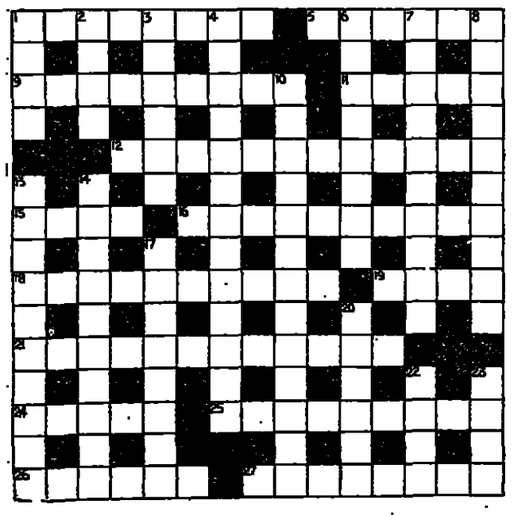
But his main efforts in Washington will be concentrated on Capitol Hill and those congressmen who are not implaccably hostile to the British side of the story. Thereafter, in the key Irish-American cities of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, he is expected to address himself in a series of TV interviews primarily to those many Americans who might be tempted to spare a sentimental dollar for a Noraid collection.

Poaching net

Forensic scientists and biologists from the Wessex Water Authority have developed a technique of identifying blood samples of fish to help convict poachers.

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JANUS



ACROSS

1 Traveller, having mixed drinks, is supplanted (8).
5 Inexperienced animal that swallows everything (6).
9 Type of clock dry places affect? (9).
11 Soldier backing railwaymen to give repeat performance (2-3).
12 Beginning to get soldiers on square for a spell (12).
15 Single time some concentration is required (4).
16 Fenced areas often referred to in covering letters (10).
18 Money put on race in China (5, 5).
19 Stake made from Malayan teak (4).
21 showing little discrimination about crude sinning (12).
24 Orthodox Muslim — sounds on the bright side (5).
25 Law-breaking girl taken out to Peninsular War theatre (3, 6).
26 First product of smelting exercise is seen on board ship (6).
27 Stuff boots with money deducted from pay (8).

DOWN

1 Music with a solid foundation (4).
2 Quick look round donjon (4).
3 Fool to negotiate net agreement (6).
4 Entreats dunce to attempt trial of patience and fortitude (9, 4).
6 Bearings seen to change what good pilot needs (3, 5).
7 Big picture designed to make viewing easy (5, 5).
8 Twine twisted round flower by drink buff (4, 6).
10 He wrote of headmaster, politician and French model (6, 7).
13 Lots of people involved in swindle on race-tracks (10).
14 Account company dancer rendered by agreement (10).
17 Song performed with nervous movements by knowing ones (8).
20 Measure back portion of catch (6).
22 Girl upset at end of programme (4).
23 Cut in two we hear (4).

Solution tomorrow

SOLUTION (left) TO PRIZE PUZZLE No. 17,186

Winner of this week's £20 prize is M. J. Llewellyn-Williams, of 25 Esmond Road, Chiswick, London. Runners-up (£10 book token each) are: S. J. Jackson, of 287 Abbeymills Road, Oldham, Lancs: Mrs C. Stewart, of 5 Home Close, Sharnbrook, Bedford: and David Sillery, of 39 Sheering Mill Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.



THE WEATHER

Cold, wet and cloudy

A COMPLEX area of low pressure covers the British Isles.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: Dry at first. Rain spreading from SW, Wind S becoming SE, moderate. Rather Cold, max temp 7–9C (45–48F).

Cent S and SW England, Channel Islands: Rain spreading E, heavy at times. Wind SE, becoming variable, moderate. Rather cold, 7–9C (45–48F).

E, NW and Cent N England, N Wales: Mainly dry at first. Outbreaks of rain, with snow on high ground, later Wind SW to S, light or moderate. Rather cold, 6–8C (43–46F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland: Rather cloudy. Showers, with snow on high ground, some bright intervals. Wind variable, light. Cold. 5–7C (41–45F).

NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times and snow on high ground. Turning showery later. Wind NE or N, light or moderate. Rather cold 3–5C (37–41F).

Outlook: After rain in S at first it will become brighter everywhere with scattered showers. Rather cold with bright frosts.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorm: Upper and middle runs, complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs, 1,800ft. Hill roads, clear. Main roads, clear. Snow level, 1,700ft.

Glenshee: Upper runs some complete, drifting spring snow. Lower slopes very little snow drifting spring snow Vertical runs, 1,030ft. Hill roads, clear. Main roads, clear. Snow level 2 000ft.

Glencoe: Upper runs, some complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, limited nursery areas very little snow Vertical runs, 900ft. Hill roads, clear. Main roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000ft.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, wet snow, Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow Vertical runs 700ft, Hill roads, clear. Main roads clear. Snow level, 2,000ft.

Forecast: Mostly cloudy but a few bright or sunny intervals. Showers, falling as snow down to about 1,500ft but only 1cm above 2 500ft. Freezing level 2,500ft Winds light and variable.

SEA PASSAGES

Southern North Sea, St George's Channel: slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): moderate, becoming rough.
Irish Sea: smooth.

AROUND THE WORLD

Local-time Reports

	C	F		C	F
Algarve	S	18	61	Luxembourg	R	5	41
Algiers	C	15	59	Madrid	F	13	55
Amsterdam	C	7	45	Majorca	S	17	63
Bahrain	F	29	84	Malaga	C	19	66
Barcelona	F	14	57	Malta	S	18	64
Belgrade	S	12	54	Manchester	C	8	46
Beirut	S	18	64	Melbourne	S	18	64
*Bermuda	S	17	63	*Mexico C	C	24	75
Berlin	S	11	52	*Miami	S	27	81
Biarritz	S	11	52	*Montreal	C	7	45
Birmingham	S	8	46	Moscow	S	8	46
Bombay	F	30	86	Munich	S	10	50
Bordeaux	S	11	52	Nairobi	C	25	77
*Boston	F	12	54	Naples	F	15	59
Brighton	S	12	54	*Nassau	F	27	81
Bristol	S	8	46	Newcastle	C	5	41
Brussels	C	8	46	New Delhi	S	25	84
Budapest	F	6	43	*New York	C	6	43
B Aires	S	24	75	Nice	S	14	57
Cardiff	F	7	45	Oporto	F	14	57
Cairo	F	22	72	Oslo	S	2	36
Cape Tn	S	24	75	Paris	F	9	48
Chihkiang	S	16	61	Perth	S	5	41
*Chicago	S	1	34	Prague	S	3	37
Colleen	F	9	48	Reykjavik	S	1	34
Copenhagen	F	2	36	Riyadh	F	28	82
Corfu	F	15	59	Rhodes	S	17	63
Dublin	C	6	43	*Rio de Jan	S	31	88
Dubrovnik	S	14	57	Rome	F	15	59
Edinburgh	R	3	37	Singapore	C	31	88
Faro	C	15	59	Stockholm	S	9	48
Florence	S	15	59	Sydney	S	18	64
Frankfurt	R	9	48	Tangier	F	15	59
Funchal	C	19	66	Tel Aviv	C	17	63
Geneva	S	10	50	Tokyo	F	10	50
Gibraltar	C	17	63	Tunis	S	21	70
Glasgow	R	4	39	Valencia	S	17	63
Helsinki	S	3	37	Venice	F	11	52
Hong Kong	S	19	66	Vienna	R	6	43
Innsbruck	S	10	50	Warsaw	R	3	37
Istanbul	F	8	46	Washington	R	4	39
Kuwait	S	29	84	Zurich	S	10	50
Limmasol	S	19	64				
Las Palmas	F	22	72				
Lisbon	F	15	59				
Locarno	S	10	50				
London	S	10	50				
*L Angeles	S	22	72				

C cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.
* Previous day's readings.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 am Friday to 6 am Saturday: Min temp 6C (43F). From 6 am to 6 pm Saturday: Max temp 8C (46F). Total period: sunshine, 0.2hrs; rainfall, 0.06ins.

From 6 pm Saturday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 11C (52F). Total period: sunshine, 2.4hrs; rainfall, 0.15ins.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 am Friday to 6 am Saturday: Min temp 4C (39F) From 6 am to 6 pm Saturday: Max temp 6C (43F). Total period: sunshine, nil; rainfall, 0.34ins.

From 6 pm Saturday to 6 am Sunday: Min temp 3C (37F). From 6 am to 6 pm Sunday: Max temp 8C (46F). Total period: sunshine 1.3hrs.; rainfall, 0.10in.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sunshine hrs.	Rain in.	Max temp. C	Max temp. F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	2.0	.06	8	46	Showers
Birmingham	2.8	.13	8	46	Showers pm
Bristol	1.2	.07	9	48	Showers
Cardiff	0.5	.05	9	48	Showers
Anglesey	0.1	.03	8	46	Rain am
Blackpool	0.2	.13	7	45	Rain
Nottingham	—	.14	5	41	Rain
Newcastle	—	.53	6	43	Rain
Carlisle	—	.07	7	45	Rain pm
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	—	.43	6	43	Dull
Bridlington	—	.50	6	43	Showers
Cromer	0.9	.12	8	46	Cloudy
Lowestoft	—	.05	6	43	Showers pm
Clacton	—	.15	7	45	Showers pm
Margate	—	.17	8	46	Showers
Belfast					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	0.8	.06	8	46	Rain
Hastings	1.9	.05	8	46	Drizzle pm
Eastbourne	2.8	.14	9	48	Rain pm
Brighton		.18	6	43	Hail pm
Worthing	0.9	.29	8	46	Showers
Bognor Regis	1.1	.97	9	48	Shrs pm
Southsea	0.6	.08	9	48	Cloudy
Shanklin	2.2	—	8	46	Cloudy
Ventnor	1.9	—	8	46	Bright
Bournemouth	0.6	.06	9	48	Showers
Poole	0.2	.01	9	48	Showers
Swanage	0.1	.04	8	46	Cloudy
Weymouth	1.1	.01	8	46	Cloudy
Exmouth	1.4	.13	8	46	Showers
Torquay	2.0	.06	8	46	Showers
Falmouth	1.9	—	10	50	Showers
Penzance	2.5	.04	9	48	Cloudy
Jersey	1.1	—	9	48	Cloudy
Guernsey	4.8	.27	10	50	Bright
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	7.7	—	10	50	Sunny
Fleetwood	—	.02	8	46	Cloudy
Morecambe	—	.17	7	45	Rain
Douglas	—	.08	8	46	Cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	—	.18	5	41	Rain
Prestwick	0.1	.01	8	46	Drizzle am
Glasgow	—	—	8	46	Cloudy
Tiree	0.8	—	8	46	Drizzle pm
Stornoway	—	—	7	45	Cloudy
Lerwick	—	.03	6	43	Rain
Wick	0.7	.01	6	43	Rain am
Aberdeen	0.1	.01	6	43	Cloudy
St Andrews	—	.09	7	45	Rain
Edinburgh	—	.17	6	43	Rain pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
— .03 7 45 Rain am					

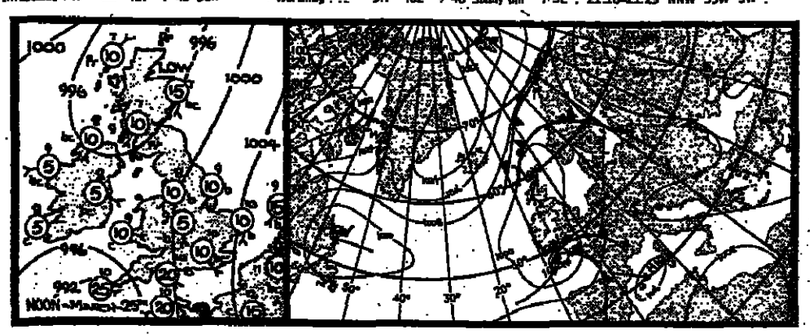
Reports for the 24 hours up to 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hours	Rain ins	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	2.4	.15	11	52	Thunder
Birmingham	3.4	.07	9	48	Showers pm
Bristol	6.3	.01	9	48	Hail pm
Cardiff	6.7	.02	9	48	Sunny
Anglesey	4.0	—	9	48	Showers pm
Blackpool	5.0	.06	8	46	Drizzle am
Manchester	1.3	.10	8	46	Showers
Nottingham	2.8	.09	9	48	Showers pm
Newcastle	—	.04	6	43	Rain pm
Carlisle	—	.31	7	45	Rain
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	1.9	.01	9	48	Sunny pm
Bridlington	2.1	.03	9	48	Showers pm
Cromer	2.1	.19	10	50	Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.3	.14	9	48	Thunder pm
Clacton	2.5	.12	8	46	Showers pm
Margate	—	—	11	52	Bright
Folkestone	5.9	.01	9	48	Sunny pm
Hastings	5.2	—	9	48	Sunny pm
Eastbourne	5.9	.01	9	48	Rain am
Brighton	—	—	8	46	Sunny pm
Worthing	5.7	.02	9	48	Sunny pm
Bognor Regis	8.3	—	9	48	Sunny
Southsea	6.0	—	10	50	Sunny
Sandown	7.4	—	10	50	Sunny
Shanklin	7.4	—	9	48	Sunny
Ventnor	6.7	—	8	46	Sunny
Bournemouth	5.7	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Poole	8.2	—	12	54	Bright
Swanage	8.0	—	10	50	Sunny
Weymouth	—	.02	9	48	Sunny am
Exmouth	3.0	.03	10	50	Hail pm
Teignmouth	7.6	.06	10	50	Sunny
Torquay	7.0	.20	10	50	Hail pm
Falmouth	7.4	.18	10	50	Sunny pm
Penzance	7.2	.21	10	50	Showers am
Jersey	7.7	.04	10	50	Sunny pm
Guernsey	8.2	.02	11	52	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	6.7	.14	11	52	Sunny
Fleetwood	5.4	.14	11	52	Sunny
Ilfracombe	5.4	.16	8	46	Hail pm
Tenby	5.1	—	9	48	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.8	—	9	48	Sunny pm
Northport	5.2	.09	6	43	Sunny pm
Morecambe	1.3	.19	6	43	Bright
Douglas	4.4	—	7	45	Bright pm
Eskdalemuir	—	.43	3	37	Rain
Prestwick	.04	.09	8	46	Rain pm
Glasgow	—	.71	5	41	Rain
Tiree	—	—	7	45	Cloudy
Stornoway	0.9	—	7	45	Cloudy
Lerwick	—	.23	6	43	Rain
Wick	—	.34	7	45	Showers
Kinloss	1.5	.28	8	46	Rain pm
Aberdeen	0.1	.50	6	43	Rain
St Andrews	—	.57	6	43	Rain
Edinburgh	—	.63	4	39	Sleet am
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.8	—	8	46	Cloudy

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London
Almelte 2R: 20.09–20.13 N 40ENE ENE°.
Balkanix 1R00: 19.33–19.41 N 40ENE SE°. 21.16–21.23 NNW 40W SSW°.



Cosmos 1310: 19.08–19.14 NW 75ENE SE.
Radiosonde 2R: 20.08–20.17 NNE 75NE SSW°. 21.47–21.53 NNW 20NW W.
Salyut 7: 19.20–19.24 W 85W E°; 20.55–20.56 W 20W W.

Manchester
Almelte 2R: 20.08–20.13 N 40ENE E°.
Balkanix 1R00: 19.33–19.41 N 40ENE SE°. 21.16–21.23 NNW 40W SSW°.
Radiosonde 2R: 20.08–20.14 NNE 70ESE S. 21.46–21.53 N 25WNW W 55W.
Salyut 7: 19.19–19.24 W 55SSE ESE. 20.55–20.56 WSW 20WSW WSW°.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	7.16 pm to 5.42 am
Birmingham	6.58 pm to 5.27 am
Bristol	7.01 pm to 5.30 am
Glasgow	7.10 pm to 5.36 am
London	6.51 pm to 5.20 am
Manchester	7.01 pm to 5.28 am
Nottingham	6.56 pm to 5.25 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	3.55 am	4.16 pm
Dover	12.56 am	1.10 pm
Liverpool	1.06 am	1.23 pm

SUN RISES 6.53 am
SUN SETS 6.21 pm
MOON RISES 7.18 am
MOON SETS 10.54 pm
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